

Fresh approach on dispute
amid speculation of NCB rift

Coal board has change of heart on Nacods talks

By John Ardill,
Labour Correspondent

The pit deputies' union Nacods, is to meet the National Coal Board this afternoon to discuss the union's overtime ban. The meeting was requested by the board, which had previously insisted that it would not meet the union until it dropped the ban.

The change of heart following a board meeting in Edinburgh yesterday may reflect reported differences over the handling of the dispute between the chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, and his deputy, Mr James Cowan, on the one hand, and other leading officials on the other.

The board denied at the weekend press reports that Mr MacGregor and Mr Cowan were "virtually isolated" in their hard-line approach. Mr Cowan said he thought agreement with the union was near.

NCB spokesmen were unable to confirm last night that the talks were to take place.

Last week Nacods leaders asked the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, to urge the board to hold talks over the union's demand that it withdraw a statement about the closure of strike-damaged pits and honour its undertaking to put all closures through the colliery review procedure.

The Nacods general secretary, Mr Peter McNeilly, said last night he did not know whether Mr Walker was responsible for the invitation. He said the union's 10-strong executive would go to the board "with an open mind."

Miners at two pits were sent

home yesterday because of strikes by Nacods members. Several hundred were without work at Maltby, in South Yorkshire, where deputies have gone on strike for the week rather than accept alternative dates for a pit holiday.

Some 94 pits are due to take local holidays this week, but a number are being kept open because NUM members who took part in the strike have lost their holiday entitlement.

At High Moor, in Derbyshire, 600 NUM members were sent home for the day following a 24-hour stoppage by Nacods members in protest at two colleagues working over the weekend in contravention of the overtime ban.

Underground workers, who must be supervised by deputies, were sent home at both pits. Elsewhere, the board said some delays were being experienced as a result of the ban which is affecting routine statutory checks and maintenance usually carried out at weekends.

Police in Derbyshire, where there were bitter clashes during the miners' strike, said yesterday that officers were now patrolling pit villages singly and apparently without the full support of the community.

The acting chief constable, Mr Alan Smith, who was commenting for the first time on the dispute, said the policy of using officers who lived in or had experience of mining villages during the strike had produced remarkable dividends. The situation was now "closer to normality."

NCB inquiry rebuffs critical accountants

By Patrick Wintour,
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An independent inquiry established by the National Coal Board to examine criticisms by five top accountancy academics of internal accounting methods has refused to meet the academics to discuss their research.

The coal board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, has also written to the academics refusing their request for a meeting, stating that their criticism in an article published during the miners' strike "could in no way contribute to an academic discussion of accounting principles."

The five academics, led by Professor David Cooper, the Price Waterhouse professor of Accounting and Finance at the

University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, claimed in the article that the NCB's internal accounting procedures failed to form an adequate basis for informed management decisions.

The NCB board member for finance, Mr Brian Harrison, condemned the article published in the January edition of *Accountancy* as containing "major misunderstandings and inaccuracies."

The board announced in December that it was setting up an independent inquiry to examine the issues raised. Members of the inquiry include Sir Douglas Morphet and Professor Edward Stamp, of Lancaster University.

Professor Cooper has written three times to Professor Stamp

suggesting a meeting, which he was told might be unwise because of rumours of legal action.

In his letter, Mr MacGregor said that the independent report "will undoubtedly contribute to public debate, but it has come at a very difficult time for the board, all our efforts need to be concentrated on putting the industry back on its feet, and therefore I can see no useful purpose in its meeting."

Professor Cooper said last night: "Our article was not just an intellectual discussion of technical accounting, it had major significance for us all. I feel that it would be helpful if these things were discussed and debated in a constructive way."

"I understand from the NCB's point of view that the last thing they want at the moment is criticism. There again, maybe they feel they do not have to worry about people standing in their way at the moment."

Asked if he feared the coal board's report would amount to a whitewash, he said: "The independent inquiry has clearly worked very closely with the coal board, and therefore they tend to take on inevitably the coal board's view. By contrast, they have not been working closely with groups that have been more independent."

A first draft of the report is believed to have been completed.

Runway cleared of accident blame

By Michael Parkin

The extended runway at Leeds and Bradford Airport was long enough to take the British Airways Trident which

overshot on Monday, Mr Gordon Dennison, the airport director, said yesterday. Work on extending the runway from 5,400 feet to 7,380 feet ended in November. Mr Dennison said: "It is a first class runway. It can handle any type of aircraft except Concorde, and will continue to do so."

Accident investigators from the Department of Transport were still inquiring into the crash yesterday. Among the questions they may have to consider, is whether the heavily laden Trident, carrying 399 passengers and 24 crew, from Palma, Majorca, landed too far down the runway. Witnesses have suggested that it did not touch down until it was a third of the way along it. If this is true, the Trident would have been left with less than its safe landing distance when fully loaded.

A second question is whether the aircraft was oversteered on landing. There had been heavy rain immediately before, and one man said that there seemed to be "water flying everywhere" from under the aircraft. The nose wheel collapsed, but that may have happened during the overshoot in soft ground.

Mr Dennison said that a British Airways training captain had flown a 747, a much bigger aircraft than a Trident, from the runway and had declared himself pleased with it. "On June 4 a wide-bodied aircraft will make the first flight from here to Tel Aviv," he said. "There is no reason why the airport should not continue to develop and handle all the big aircraft safely."

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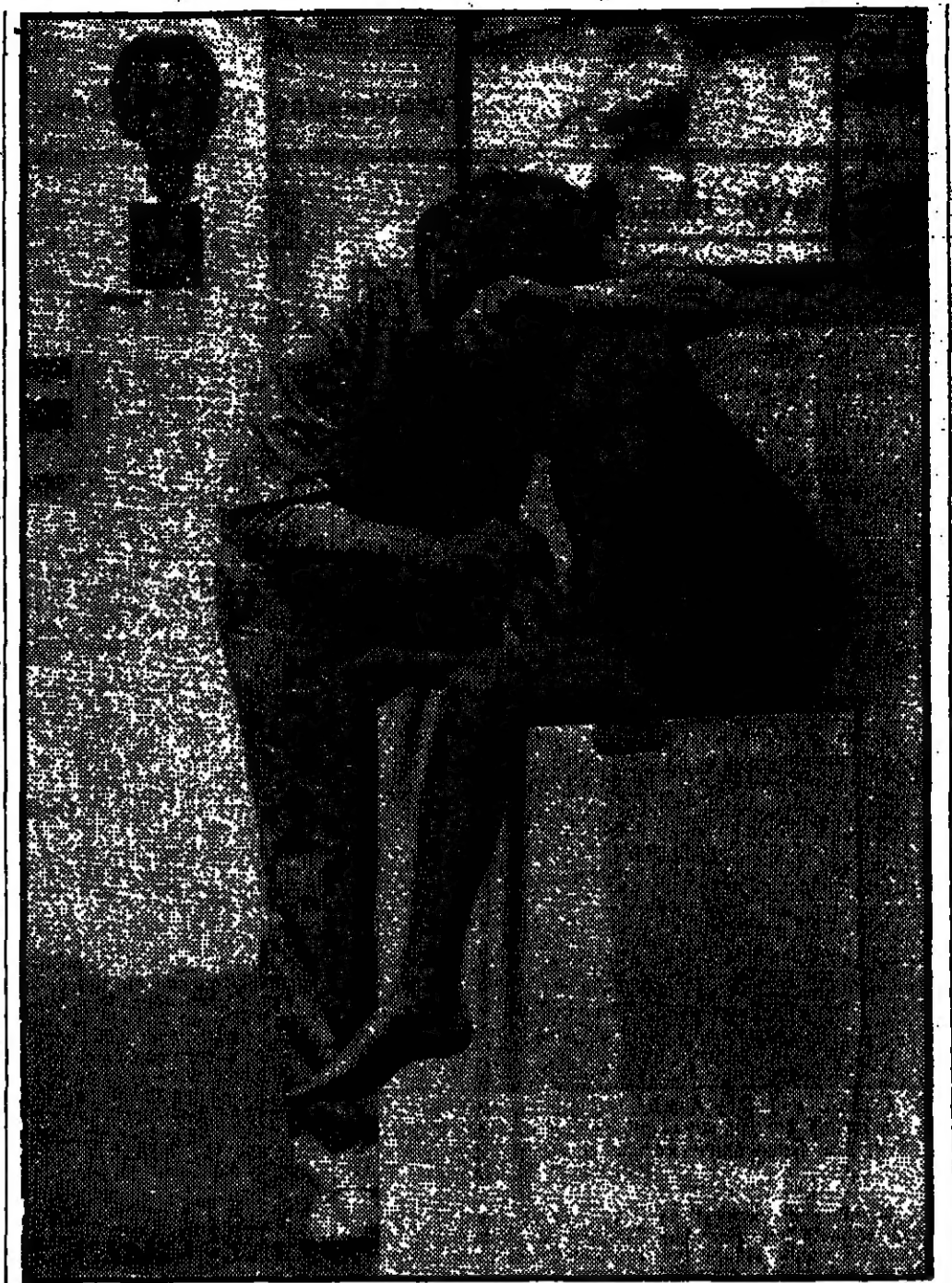
Terence Prittie

TERENCE PRITIE, the distinguished author and journalist, died in London yesterday. He was 72.

He joined the *Guardian* in 1946, then the *Manchester Guardian* - after the second world war spending a brief spell as a cricket correspondent before taking up the post of correspondent in Germany and later diplomatic correspondent. He left in 1970 to freelance.

His 18 books cover subjects as varied as cricket, the war and the Middle East.

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BROWN STUDY: Ralph Brown RA puts the finishing touches to his bronze sculpture 'The Watcher' at the 217th Royal Academy Summer Exhibition in Piccadilly, London, which opens to the public on Saturday. Picture by Garry Weaver

Britain attacked for hard line on Tamils

By David Rose

The Government's apparent willingness to accept large numbers of Tamil refugees back to Sri Lanka may mark a significant departure from tradition, refugees' agencies said last night.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees said that the Home Office line was now stiffer than at any time in the past. A tendency was emerging to blur the boundary between the criteria used to assess immigrants and refugees, "which should be kept quite separate," a spokesman said.

The suggestion being made privately by official sources, that many of the Tamils were coming to Britain for economic and social, and not political reasons, was misleading and untrue. Economic cases don't even enter the picture.

The British Refugee Council said that the 28 Tamils returned from Italy, and 45 from Holland, last month, were arrested on arrival at Colchester airport.

A spokesman attacked the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, for saying last week that many of the Tamils arriving here could be returned "without serious risk." "The people coming here are simply afraid. Any male Tamil of any class is at risk of being arrested or worse at any time," the spokesman said.

Mr Brittan's position masked the Government's Tamil policy, which was "totally different from that displayed to other groups," including Poles, Ugandans, Asians, and Vietnamese. "We are very worried that this marks a complete departure from this country's traditional attitude towards refugees. Those who go back are in severe danger."

Britain's "open door" policy emerged at the end of the 19th century, when tens of thousands of Eastern European Jews fled the pogroms and other repressions of the Tsars.

Between the wars, Jews were admitted from Nazi Germany and at the end of the war, large numbers came from an Eastern Europe dominated by the Soviet Union.

More recently the Heath government made special provision to admit 30,000 Ugandans who, held British passports, and were fleeing General Amin.

In the late 1970s Britain took in 17,000 Vietnamese boat people, under an internationally agreed quota scheme. Many of them were Chinese who, once formed more closely to the Home Office's current strictures against "economic" refugees being largely professionals and businessmen.

The declaration of martial law in Poland in December, 1981, was followed by a similar move in Poland, which was followed by a similar move in Poland, which was followed by a similar move in Poland.

A Home Office spokesman said yesterday that the numbers - many thousands - were not readily to hand.

At least 15,000 Indians have also been admitted since 1979. Of these, many have been refused and deported, but the UNHCR said last night that it did not consider any of those deported to have been a serious risk.

One reason for the change of policy, the UNHCR suggested, may be that cheaper air travel has enabled larger numbers to escape war zones. Although the influx of Tamil refugees fell a little this year, the number of those seeking asylum in Britain has remained stable since 1980 - fluctuating between 3,000 and 4,000. Last year's figure was 3,900.

India's Foreign Secretary, Mr G. V. Narasimham, said yesterday that the UNHCR's appeal to Western governments, including Britain, not to repatriate Tamils during the current crisis.

The appeal is understood to have been joined by the High Commissioner, Mr Paul Harding, on the opening day of the three-day closed meeting with European governments.

Mr Harding said: "States which have been the champions of human rights are now finding it difficult to grant some of these basic rights for asylum seekers; people who have in the past opened their doors and their hearts to refugees, are now showing signs of greater reserve and even intolerance."

The number of Tamils seeking asylum in Western Europe and the US is put at well over 80,000, and the figure has soared with the recent violence on the island. Last October, Switzerland decided that its 1,700 Tamil asylum-seekers could be repatriated without danger.

Following an outcry in Switzerland, the decision was made clear to the UNHCR that young male Tamils are automatically suspected of sympathising with Tamil separatists.

Breaching of article 13

Malcolm Dean on the Strasbourg ruling that means Britain will have to change its immigration rules so that they no longer discriminate against foreign women

BRITISH immigration rules were declared unlawful by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg yesterday. The judgment will require the rules to be changed.

The court found that the rules, introduced by the Conservatives in 1980, breached Article 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights because they discriminated against women.

Under the rules, foreign men with full residency rights in the UK can bring their wives or fiancées, but foreign women can not. Even women who have acquired British citizenship have to demonstrate that the purpose of their marriage was not for immigration reasons before their foreign husbands are granted settlement rights.

At an earlier hearing the Government said that the rules protected the domestic labour market at a time of high unemployment. The court ruled that this was a legitimate aim but provided insufficient grounds for justifying a breach of article 13.

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The court noted that the advancement of sexual equality was a firm goal of the Council of Europe.

The court found the Government's arguments inconsistent. Foreign wives were being admitted, but between 40 and 70 per cent of them were working. It also noted that the admission of foreign husbands would increase the labour market by only 2,000 to 3,000 men.

The test case in which Britain was found guilty was brought by three women, all legally resident in Britain, who were prevented from bringing in their foreign husbands. The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants and the National Council for Civil Liberties took the cases to the European Commission on Human Rights soon after the rules were introduced in 1980.

One of the women, Mrs Nargis Induljak, stated she was born in Malawi, applied under the old rule under which her Portuguese husband would have had the right to settle, but because the decision was not made until after March 1980 the application was lost.

All three husbands have been allowed to stay in Britain pending the court's judgment. Another 100 women who had cases pending before the commission will be granted immediate relief, and another 2,000 husbands could obtain entry.

HOW RULES CHANGED

A woman's right to bring a foreign husband to Britain has swung back and forth in the last 15 years:

1969: The first ban introduced by James Callaghan as Labour

1974: Roy Jenkins, Labour Home Secretary, lifts the ban.

1977: Labour minister Merlyn Rees announced probationary 12-month period for foreign husbands, and permits government to exclude husbands in bogus marriages.

1979: Conservative manifesto states no foreign husbands or fiancées would be admitted.

1980: New rules ban foreign husbands unless wife is British citizen who was born here or one of whose parents was born here.

1982: Foreign husbands of all female citizens admitted, but onus on couple to show marriage is not for the purpose of immigration. Women with residency rights still have no right to be joined by foreign husband.

Asian suing Home Office over Old Bailey 'beating'

By David Rose

Lawyers acting for Faruq Khan, 27, an Asian youth allegedly beaten up at the Old Bailey by prison officers last week for refusing to eat a pork pie, will today take out High Court proceedings against the Home Office in respect of the incident.

Khan, who is a co-defendant in the trial of seven Asians and three whites accused of taking part in a series of violent confrontations in Newham, east London, in April 1984, was said to have been attacked by the officers during the lunch break and failed to attend proceedings of the case on

Thursday and Friday after being treated in hospital.

His solicitor, Mr Gareth Peirce, said yesterday that his condition, while improved, was still critical, and that he was still unable to eat. The entire side of his face is still numb, as if he had been injected with novocaine. He will be seeking specialist treatment to discover if he has suffered permanent damage to the facial nerves.

The writ to be issued today will be laid on the Home Office as the identity of Khan's alleged assailants is not known. A spokesman for the City of London police confirmed that the incident was being investigated.

Nuclear dump challenge

By James Lewis

The Durham district of Wear Valley District Council, Mr Malcolm Sutcliffe, has asked both Nirex and the Department of the Environment if Wearside is on the sites for intermediate and long-lived waste.

Local fears were aroused two years ago when it was named in *Planning Magazine* as one of the areas to be considered by the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Executive (Nirex) for intermediate and long-lived waste.

Wearside fears it may be viewed as an alternative to Barkingham, Cleveland, where local opposition fought off proposals to use a local mine. Professor David Bellamy, who lives in the area, is leading the opposition.

The chief executive of Wear Valley District Council, Mr Malcolm Sutcliffe, has asked both Nirex and the Department of the Environment if Wearside is on the sites for intermediate and long-lived waste. The DOE said it had no knowledge of the sites Nirex will select and that it was "unable to provide any assurance about any given site." Nirex was "unable to rule out the possibility of a potential site in the district of you."

The district's eastern area, which includes the towns of Barkingham, Crook and Willington, has 55 disused mines and unemployment is about 25 per cent. The rest is sparsely populated and has disused lead mines.

Heseltine 'misleads Nato about Trident'

By John Carvel,
Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen yesterday accused the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, of misleading Nato about Britain's conventional defence spending.

The SDP leader released the text of a letter which blames Mr Heseltine for fostering the illusion that Britain can afford the Trident deterrent programme without sacrificing conventional capability.

"I realise that the Defence Planning Committee's Ministerial Communiqué, issued at last week's Nato meeting in Brussels, does not bind in every particular the member nations to all its specific recommendations," Dr Owen says.

"But how can you possibly justify being a party to a communiqué which states the need for Nato to make a special effort to improve our conventional capabilities when you are fully aware that this year's public expenditure plans show that we have abandoned the 3 per cent real terms increase in defence expenditure first undertaken by Nato and endorsed by the then Labour government in 1977/78?"

Dr Owen said that the public spending white paper showed a 2.7 per cent fall in real terms in defence expenditure over the next two years.

"How can this real term cut be reconciled with the resource guidance section of our communiqué, which states that it will be necessary to increase the allocation of resources to defence in real terms?"

Dr Owen said Britain was likely to become one of the worst European contributors to Nato's conventional defence forces.

BBC plans world TV service

By Dennis Barker

THE BBC is discussing with the Foreign Office the feasibility of an international television service on the lines of radio's existing BBC World Service.

Corporation executives are predicting that within the next five years a pilot scheme will be proposed and programmes and directing them by satellite to Europe and the Third World in particular.

Government enthusiasm may be limited because the Eastern bloc, containing the very countries it would most like to penetrate, could not easily be reached by television. International rules forbid broadcasting with satellites to another country without permission.

"Even if you consider fairly small dish aerials on buildings of the receiving country these would still be visible to your friendly neighbourhood KGB man or whatever," Mr Austen Kark, managing director of BBC External Services, said yesterday at a Broadcasting Press Guild lunch in London. A Foreign Office spokesman said that it had not yet received formal specific proposals. "We would look at them with interest, but it would cost money and it is not on at the moment."

Pop singer fined £150

The pop singer, Angie Gold was fined £150 yesterday for wounding her boyfriend's former girlfriend.

Magistrates at Stockport, Greater Manchester, were told that she threw a milk bottle at Miss Avril Clarke, who had called at the house the singer shared with Mr Mike Day, a former disc jockey with Piccadilly Radio, in Manchester.

Miss Clarke received wounds to the head requiring six stitches, and a cut eye needing five stitches, said Mr Philip Fleming, prosecuting.

Gold, who was charged under her real name Angeline Florina Kite, was also ordered to pay £35 costs. After the case Kite, who had a recent hit with Eat You Up, said that she had ended her relationship with Mr Day.

Suez mine feat wins bravery awards

By David Fairhall

Fleet Chief Petty Officer Terence Settle made repeated dives on the mine, 40 feet down, to detach its instruments. The main charge was later beached and dismantled, but it was only on the final day of the two-week operation that the detonator and primer were positively located and removed.

Settle was awarded the

Queen's Gallantry Medal and Petty Officer Raymond Rowlands, who acted as his safety back-up, and assistant, the Queen's Commendation For Brave Conduct.

The Egyptians also called in the US and French navies, to search the gulf after mining incidents to merchant ships. Who laid the mines is not known.

HOME NEWS

THE European Commission is trying "as a priority" to oblige Britain to conform to the nuclear inspection provisions of the Euratom Treaty. The move is another effort to close a worrying gap in the international safeguards against the spread of nuclear weapons — a gap which successive British governments have deliberately left open.

The question seems likely to be raised when the five-year review of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty begins in Geneva in August. As one of the founder signatories, Britain has consistently urged other countries to sign the treaty and to allow international inspection of their nuclear facilities. But it has now had to acknowledge, with embarrassed reluctance, that it refuses to accept full inspection of its own installations.

International concern over the control of plutonium and other weapons-grade materials has been growing, newly stimulated by the apparent confirmation that South Africa has built and tested a nuclear device.

A previously secret report by the US Naval Research Laboratory, released in Washington, concluded on September 22, 1978, in the South Atlantic by a US Vela surveillance satellite was caused by a nuclear test.

There is also concern about the Thatcher government's intention to expand the production of plutonium at a new reprocessing plant at Dounreay. A study published by two scientists at Princeton University calculated that by the end of the decade Britain and France together will add about 120 tonnes of plutonium to world stocks.

The Federation of American Scientists, which published the report, commented: "The widespread use of plutonium as a commercial nuclear fuel will increase the danger of nuclear terrorism throughout the world, and make it easier for non-nuclear weapon states suddenly to go nuclear."

The report, by Mr David Albright and Mr Harold Feiveson, concluded: "It is now clear that only a small fraction of the plutonium would be used for breeder reactor research and development." The authors estimate an annual excess production of 20 tonnes of plutonium — enough to build hundreds of nuclear bombs.

"There does not appear to be any large-scale demand for plutonium to be used for breeder research and development, or any strong economic pressure for recycle in thermal reactors," the scientists declared.

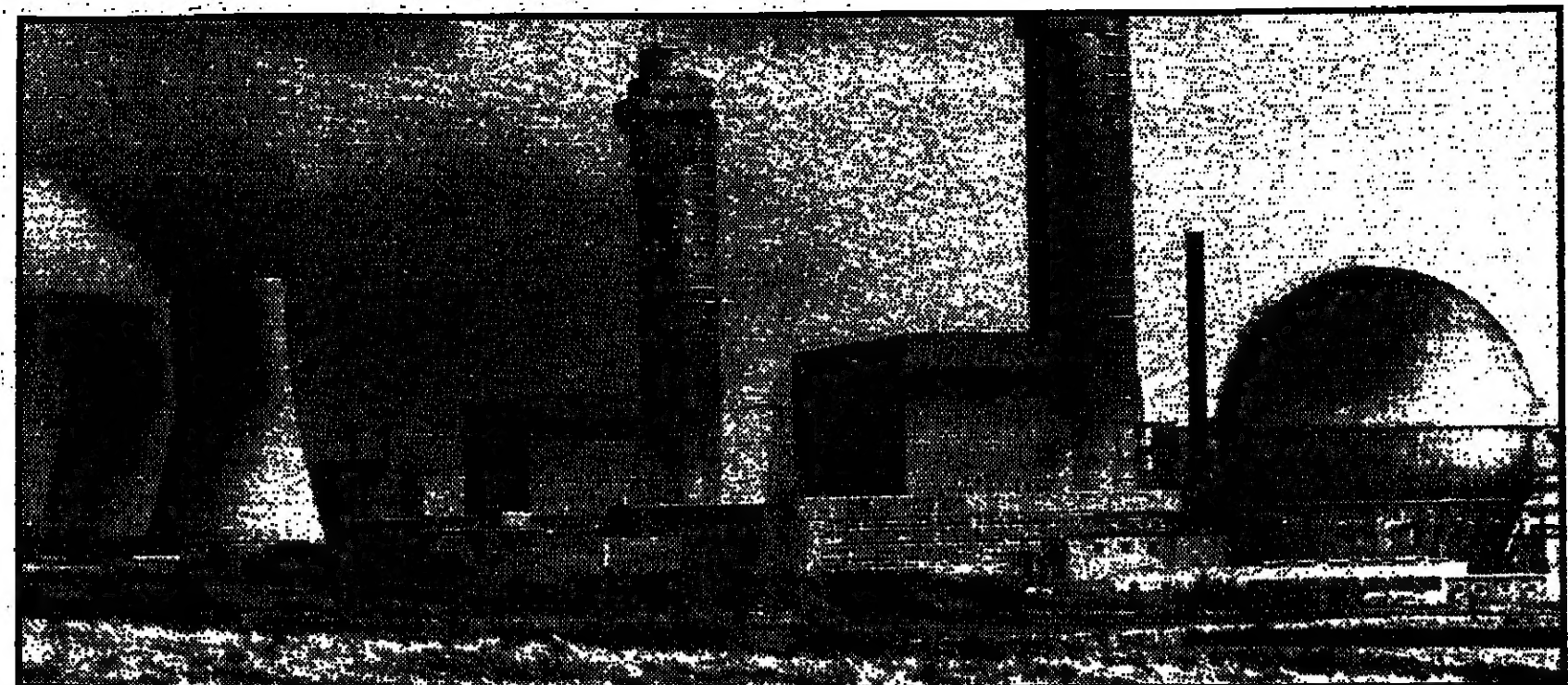
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Under the current system there seems no guarantee that reprocessed fuel from British power stations could not wind up in American warheads.

Waiting for Britain to close nuclear gap

As international concern over the control of weapons-grade material grows, Harold Jackson reports on worries about the Thatcher government's plans for an expanding plutonium production programme

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The issue is far from academic. A European commission spokesman recently told the European Parliament that official inspectors from Euratom and the International Atomic Energy Authority had been refused access to one area of the Sellafield plant in Cumbria on grounds of national security.

"That part of the plant contains and may process either simultaneously or sequentially both civil and nuclear materials," he said.

Under French pressure, the Euratom Treaty was modified to allow installations producing military nuclear material to be excluded from inspection.

It has become clear that Britain's policy seriously undercuts the intended safeguards. The international inspectorate has installed six cameras and five video recorders at Sellafield to supervise the oxide ponds in which spent fuel from foreign light water commercial reactors is stored.

The inspectors have never been allowed access to the Magnox chemical reprocessing plant in which uranium and plutonium from the used fuel are separated. The only information made available is the company's official log of the fuel received and the

fuel processed. There is no chance of checking that the figures bear any relation to reality.

The plant's security officer, Mr Hugh Sturman, commented that the international inspectors "do not have access to verify the civil components of the flow, because to give them that access would give them access to other information which we are instructed not to reveal."

Mrs Thatcher, like her predecessors, has always said that disclosure of military plutonium production would not be in the national interest.

The Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, agreed

recently that "co-processing inevitably means that atoms generated in safeguarded and unsafeguarded stations cannot be separately identified at the end of the process."

In a letter to Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, the Plaid Cymru MP for Merionnydd Nant County, Mr Walker said: "The complete separation of fuel of different origins would necessitate plant wash-outs between each reprocessing, which would cut the amount of processing (for which Britain charges its overseas customers about \$800 a kilogram)."

Mr Walker argued that BNFL "operates a system to allocate the product pro-rata

to the plutonium in the fuel fed to the plant"—in other words that the company ensures there is no unauthorised diversion of the material processed.

There are sound reasons for the international inspectors to be sceptical about any nuclear book-keeping. An official of the safeguards division of the US Nuclear Regulatory Agency, Mr Sidney Maglewe, pointed out five years ago that the checks on American nuclear materials were barely worth the paper they were written on.

He and other statisticians in the agency demonstrated that its records of nuclear fuel shipments "have become so muddled in recent years that they are now meaningless."

One official estimated that the Nuclear Fuel Service in Tennessee, which supplies US Navy submarines "lost" as much as one kilogram a month of highly-enriched uranium. A crude nuclear device can be made with about three kilos.

There seems to be equal haziness in British accountability, and BNFL has admitted "some confusion and some lack of consistency."

According to calculations by Dr R. V. Hesketh, once on the staff of the Central Electricity Generating Board nu-

clear laboratory, the figures of civilian and military material have been endlessly confused.

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4-term school year proposed by heads

By Andrew Mawer, Education Staff

The three-term school year — devised to suit Victorian churchmen, lawyers and potato growers — should be replaced, head teachers will be told at their conference in Scarborough this week.

A report by a National Association of Head Teachers working party proposes to divide the year into four terms, each of about 10 weeks to suit children and teachers.

The present yawning long summer holiday would be replaced by two breaks of four weeks apiece, the first falling in June and July and another in September and October. Examination dates would also be shifted.

Such a system would benefit both pupils and staff who can become jaded towards the end of the existing long terms, some stretching to 16 weeks, says the report.

The present structure was accepted in the 1870 Education Act, to conform with the ecclesiastical and legal calendars and the demand for child labour in the harvest fields.

Further discussions are to be held with other teachers' organisations and the Department of Education and Science on the advantages of the proposed change including a wider choice of holiday dates in periods of better weather.

"Experience seems to show that the shorter term leads to more effective pupil and teacher performance, combined with reduction of stress and absenteeism," the report says.

It suggests that 16 plus external exams should be brought forward to April and May. Pupils would then receive their results in term time, in July and August instead of the middle of the holidays, enabling problems to be tackled immediately.

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Not just a simple queue-jump case

Marion Thornton would not have paid £1,300 for a hip operation if she had known she could have had it on the NHS in a few months. But she thought she would have to wait four years. Andrew Veitch reports on the inquiries that followed her case

STANLEY Thornton, a redundant steel worker, paid his wife's savings for her hip operation. Ten months later she's confined to a wheelchair in a damp house that they cannot afford to repair. Her arthritis is worse.

Mrs Marion Thornton, aged 49, opted for the £1,300 private operation because she was under the impression that she would have to wait up to four years before her consultant surgeon at Scunthorpe General Hospital could treat her on the NHS.

The case prompted an investigation by the chairman of Yorkshire regional health authority, Mr Bryan Askew. He cleared the surgeon, Mr Shyamal Kumar Mukherjee, of jumping the queue with his private patients, and of doing more private practice than his NHS contract allowed.

The case has led to an outspoken letter from the chairman of Scunthorpe district health authority, Mr John Mason.

A copy of the letter from Mr Mason, who is president of the Midlands Conservative Association, has been passed to the Guardian. In it he urges the minister to give health authorities powers to collect consultants' fees for treating private patients and take over the whole administration of private practice.

He accuses consultants of refusing to allow NHS officials to monitor private practice, and he refers to suggestions that the shorter term leads to more effective pupil and teacher performance, combined with reduction of stress and absenteeism.

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tions that NHS waiting lists have been deliberately increased to encourage patients to seek private treatment.

It was intervention by Scunthorpe's Conservative MP, Mr Richard Hickmet, on behalf of the Thorntons that led to the investigation and Mr Mason's letter.

While a separate inquiry by Scunthorpe's district treasurer found no evidence of abuse or malpractice, Mr Mason says in his report that measures could be adopted nationally which would make it easier to control and monitor the use of private facilities.

The wording of the Department of Health's guiding principles is imprecise. It says that private treatment should be "non-paying patients." It is impossible, says Mr Mason, to define "significantly."

He calls for a clear ministerial directive to ensure that all private patients are identifiable from admission to discharge by giving health authorities power to take over the administration of private practice, including the collection of consultants' fees.

Mr Mason says that the use of health authority staff to administer private practice will ensure that patients are properly advised of the requirement to remain private once the treatment episode has begun, and ensure that a full estimate is given of the total cost of the services which will be provided.

As for health authorities' failure to identify private patients, he says: "The cooperation received from some consultants is at best reluctant, and at worst downright obstructive."

Anomalies in the system for charging private patients may result in the NHS losing money, he says.

Each in-patient is charged a flat rate per day throughout the hospital stay, irrespective of the services received.



Stanley and Marion Thornton: she cannot overcome the pain

spective of the services received. The main costs to the NHS are incurred in the first few days of surgery and intensive care. Profits on private beds should accrue in the later stages.

But consultants minimise in-patient charges by moving patients to private nursing homes as soon as possible (nursing homes charge less because they do not run the expensive facilities of a hospital).

The BMA's consultants' committee met Mr Clark last week to discuss new, clear guidelines on private practice. Their deputy chairman, Mr Paddy Ross, consultant surgeon at the Royal Hampshire Hospital, Winchester, said: "We strongly support the principle that private patients should not jump the queue. But the concept of health authorities collecting consultants' fees is a bit naive. They can't even collect their own fees."

Scunthorpe has a long waiting list for orthopaedic surgery. The two surgeons there perform fewer NHS operations than their colleagues elsewhere.

Yorkshire region, according to Mr Askew.

But the national waiting list survey by the College of Health shows that Scunthorpe's waiting list is not exceptional, even though in March last year 43 per cent of patients were waiting longer than a year for trauma and orthopaedic surgery. By September, according to the college, 298 people had been waiting more than a year.

The health authority investigations were aimed at finding out whether Mr Mukherjee, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Scunthorpe General, gave a private patient priority over NHS patients, and whether he was doing more private work than his contract permitted.

Mrs Thornton was told in August 1983 that there was a four-year waiting list for hip replacement. In June last year Mr Mukherjee saw her again at the request of the GP, because of the severe pain she was suffering.

The case notes show that Mr Mukherjee agreed to give her top priority. That meant, according to Mr Askew's

report, that she could have expected to wait three to six months.

Mrs Thornton says that Mr Mukherjee did not tell her the waiting list for priority cases was three to six months. If she had known she wouldn't have paid for the operation. She was still under the impression that she would have to wait four years.

Mr Mukherjee insists that there was no queue-jumping. "I told her I would put her on an urgent waiting list. I told her I could not guarantee a bed, but I would do my best. She said she had so much pain," Mr Mukherjee says. Mrs Thornton's mother had left her money, and she would rather spend it on herself. "I said it was her decision, and I would let her in as early as I could."

Mr Mukherjee in reply to the allegations of performing more private work than his NHS contract allowed, said: "I have worked within the legal domain of my contract. I have a maximum part-time contract, which means that I am allowed to take private patients."

Not much of a life for a woman under 50

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

The European Commission will today stage controversial proposals for phasing out subsidies to the EEC's coal industries.

A leaked draft of the plan outraged politicians connected with the industry earlier this year and the British Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, has held two unannounced meetings in the past month with the Community's Energy Commissioner, Mr Nicholas Morsar of Luxembourg. Government sources say the minister has stressed he will not allow the British coal industry to be run from Brussels.

According to the leaked draft—which Community officials maintain, has since been watered down—one of the conditions for a successful reduction in subsidies is that community production be cut by 15 per cent before the end of the decade. This could mean the loss of about 150,000 jobs in European mines and a similar number in associated industries.

Problems stem from the 1952 Treaty of Paris — the founding text of the European Coal and Steel Community — which banned subsidies to either industry. But the government involved soon arranged to be exempted from this provision.

The last such exemption for the coal industry was approved by the Council of Ministers in 1978 and made applicable for 10 years. When it runs out at the end of this year, all other aid will be illegal.

If the EEC governments wish to continue subsidising their coal industries, they will have to pass a resolution to that effect by then, and the Commission must draw up a draft resolution for them.

Officials at the commission's 17th directorate-general, which is responsible for energy, have been working on it for several months. They are still at it.

They are still at it, though the 1978 resolution stressed that governments should notify Brussels in advance of their intention to provide subsidies, notification has in practice been an essentially meaningless formality.

Their determination sits well with the new commission's strategy of developing its existing powers rather than seeking new ones.

The commission has already shown by its handling of the steel industry, that it is prepared to use the provisions of the Treaty of Paris to cut the productive capacity of an industry it considers debilitating to the European economy.

There are two important differences between steel and coal which opponents of the Commission's proposals can be expected to stress as the suggestions make their way through committees to the Council of Ministers. The council is expected to consider the plans for the first time on June 20.

First, the coal industry does not have steel's huge surplus of supply over demand. Second, the four Common Market coal industries—in Britain, France, Germany and Belgium—only compete with one another in the margins.

However, they do compete with coal industries outside the Community and which can currently produce cheaper coal.

Although the Community will continue to require enough coal to meet some 20 per cent of its energy needs until the end of this century, the Brussels bureaucracy believe that the supplies do not necessarily have to come from the Common Market. Indeed, they argue, trying to use men and resources in an essentially uncompetitive business only weakens Europe's competitiveness.

Subsidies to the coal industry are running at £5.4 billion in the year before the strike. Britain's subsidies totalled £1.3 billion, most of which was used by the Government to underwrite the coal board's losses.

Under the terms of the Coal Industry Bill currently making its way through Parliament, however, the NCB will be expected to keep its deficit down to around £450 million a year for the next two years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Families on toxic alert

Two railwaymen were treated in hospital in the Irish Republic yesterday after a leak of toxic vapour from a special goods train at Athlone, writes Joe Joyce.

Emergency crews operated a disaster alert with families evacuated from their homes and 40 people attending hospital for tests.

The train made up of special tanks carrying methacrylate was travelling between Dublin and a synthetic fibre plant in Co Mayo.

All the people taken to hospital, including the rail workers, were released after tests and minor treatment. A spokesman for CIE the nationalised rail company said the tanks were empty but the vapour escaped through a valve which was found to be open.

The incident has re-awakened fears about the daily trains running across Ireland with the chemicals.

More Legion patients go home

ANOTHER four patients have been sent home after being treated for Legionnaires' disease in the Staffordshire epidemic which has claimed 39 lives.

Seventy-two patients have now been discharged, leaving only 17 under treatment with one said to be very poorly yesterday.

No more deaths have been recorded since two elderly people died on Saturday, and no new hospital admissions for the past 11 days.

Soldiers for trial on rape charge

THIRTEEN soldiers were yesterday committed for trial accused of raping and indecently assaulting a young woman last November. Four of the men are also accused of conspiring to rape.

Salisbury magistrates sent the men for trial at Winchester Crown Court.

Muslims clash in Sheffield

POLICE in Sheffield were yesterday taking a softly, softly approach to violent clashes between Muslim factions which have landed 14 men in hospital.

Police say that the troubles, which have come at the start of the month long Muslim festival, Ramadan, are isolated incidents among Sheffield's 15,000 strong Asian community.

Crop of gold fetches £67,856 for farmer

By Donald Wintergill, Arts Sales Correspondent

A HOARD of medieval gold coins found in a field in Dorset two years ago was sold at Christie's yesterday for £67,856. The money goes to the finder, Mr Simon Drake, aged 23, of Grange Farm, Bournemouth, near Sherborne.

Mr Drake had finished his ploughing and kicked the soil to see if it was ready for sowing. He noticed a gold-coloured disc which he discovered was a noble with a face value of one-third of a pound.

During the next few months Mr Drake, with a metal detector, and with the help of his wife Sally, found a total of 100 coins — 95 nobles, two half-nobles and three quarter-nobles.

He reported his find, and a coroner and jury ruled a year ago that it was treasure.

Examples of the coins were already in the British Museum, and any museum wanting the coins would have to raise the money for them. Mr Drake's find was returned to him.

The coins are of Edward III, Henry IV, Henry V and Henry VI, and seem to have been hidden in about 1433.

Mr Drake's treasure has a face value of £32.25 equal to a farm workers' wages at that time for about 64 years. Mr Drake also found some pottery and part of a bronze chalice.

Mr Drake, who farms in partnership with his father and has a five-year-old daughter, said he had not had time to think about what he would do with his money. His other harvest, the barley he sowed in the field, was a variety called Golden Promise.

16 held at Polaris chain protest

Sixteen members of Christian CND were arrested yesterday after chaining themselves to the gates of the Royal Navy headquarters at Northwood, Middlesex.

The protest was against Polaris missiles, which are controlled from Northwood, and followed a bigger Christian CND demonstration outside the Ministry of Defence in London on Sunday.

The 16 arrested were all charged with obstruction, according to a CND spokesman. Four more Greenham Common peace women were sentenced to seven days in custody yesterday when they were found guilty of breaching Ministry of Defence bylaws and refused to pay fines.

The women were among 48 who appeared before a special court at Newbury, Berkshire, after a demonstration at the

Miner's lawyers appeal over murder verdict

Lawyers are to appeal against the murder conviction of David Williams, the 21-year-old Welsh miner, who was pushed from a bridge on to his taxi as he drove Mr David Williams, a working miner, to Merthyr Vale colliery, near Aberdare, last November.

Shankland's legal representatives are also considering legal action against the conviction by majority verdicts at Cardiff Crown Court earlier this month. Both men have been held in Cardiff prison since starting their life sentences.

Labour may discipline power-sharing dissidents

By James Lewis

A dozen Labour councillors in the hazy county of Chwyd face disciplinary action with the threat of exclusion from their party's group at the shire hall because of their willingness to share power.

Chwyd, like many other Welsh shire counties has always had a strong contingent of independents with whom Labour's shadow committee tried to act according to the constitution. A councillor himself, he has claimed that Labour could have taken control with the support of two Liberals and four of the 23 independents, if some party members had stayed in rank.

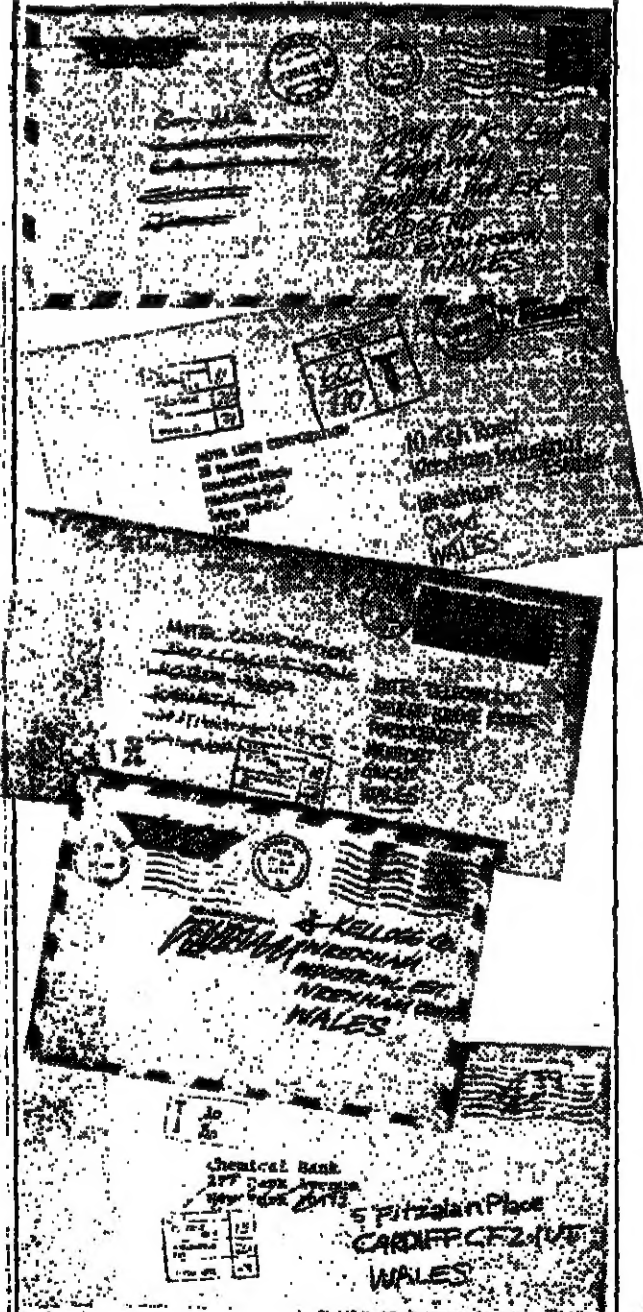
"It is essential that proper control should be exercised in the coming year to cope with the problems of unemployment and the difficulties caused by central government control over spending," said Mr Jones.

The power-sharing scheme goes ahead, Labour dissidents stand to gain at least three committee chairs including education and policies. In the meantime a meeting is set for Monday for the rebels to appear before the county party and the Welsh regional organiser Mr Anita Gale.

Body found

Police were last night trying to identify the body of a boy found at Cape Cornwall near Land's End thought to be one of the four missing Buckinghamshire schoolboys, washed out to sea on May 6 after playing on rocks during a visit to the tourist spot.

Cases against 42 of the other women were adjourned to dates in July and August, after they denied trespassing on the base. Two others admitted the offences and paid £25 fines.



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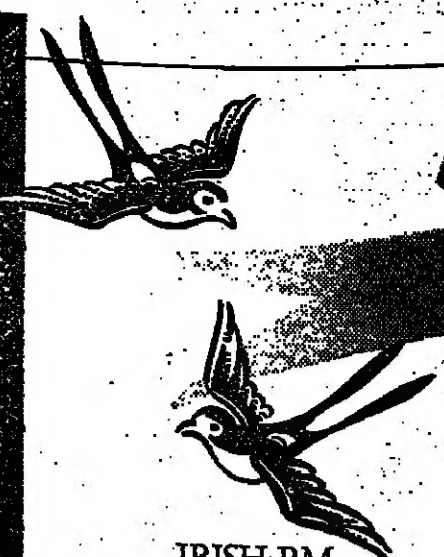
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Trapped in a weird castle, young lovers find themselves seduced by an alien transvestite Tim Curry.

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Well it's the first time on TV for the cult movie a whole generation of American couples dressed up to go see.

Only the guys wore the fishnets.



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A touching drama in David Puttnam's 'First Love' series.

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What happened to make a twenty year old emotional wound reopen?

Rock journalist Ray Connolly's script and rock songs like 'Be Bop a Lu La' might get a few old groovers crying over their baby days as well.

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Clouds could blanket lasers

From Lee Dye in Los Angeles

Ground-based lasers designed to knock out Soviet ballistic missiles during a nuclear attack would be so vulnerable to atmospheric interference that they could not be used on a cloudy day, the chief scientist for the Star Wars defence programme said.

Mr Gerold Yonas, of the Department of Defence's Strategic Initiative Organisation, told several hundred scientists during a symposium here that ground-based lasers could compensate for mild atmospheric conditions. But when asked how lasers could offset the kind of distortion that would be caused by a heavy cloud layer, he responded: "A ground-based laser cannot operate with cloud cover."

Mr Yonas did not elaborate, and he could not be reached for comment after the session, which was held as part of the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

His statement, however, was particularly significant, in that he had said a few minutes earlier that it now appears unlikely that giant lasers will be placed into orbit, and a more likely application of laser technology would be through ground-based devices that would bounce the high-energy laser beams off orbiting mirrors.

Mr Yonas's comments would seem to indicate that the Soviet Union could get around ground-based American lasers simply by launching a nuclear attack on a cloudy day.

Since the objective at this point is research, Mr Yonas has indicated, proposals that might seem almost absurd at first sight should be pursued if there is any chance of a technological breakthrough. — Los Angeles Times.

Sandinista peace talks break off

From Tony Jenkins in Managua

Peace talks between the government and leaders of an Indian rebel group, Misurasata, have broken down amid mutual recriminations, but the Sandinistas are expected to invite all Indians to return to their traditional settlements today.

In December, 1981, the government forcibly evacuated Miskito Indians from villages along the Coco river near the Honduran border. The move followed cross-border attacks and suspicions that the Miskitos were helping Honduran-based counter-revolutionaries.

The evacuation sent 30,000 refugees fleeing into Honduras. The resultant discontent saw hundreds of Miskitos join two Indian rebel groups.

The offer to let all Miskitos return to the Coco is a concession by the Sandinistas, who still fear that they will not be able to control the area.

Sources said yesterday that the Sandinistas will press ahead with autonomy plans for the Atlantic coast, where most of the Indians live.

The peace talks in Bogota collapsed after the Sandinistas accused Misurasata of breaking an earlier agreement to avoid military engagements and insisted on negotiating steps to avoid any new confrontations.

Misurasata accused the Sandinistas of bad faith and deliberately trying to torpedo the negotiations.



● Alexandra Isles

Bulow: new evidence

Providence: The former lover of Claus von Bulow, whose evidence three years ago helped convict him on charges of trying to kill his wife, said yesterday that she would offer a new testimony which she could not "think about."

Ms Isles, a 39-year-old soap opera star who returned on Monday night after staying in Europe for three months, did not go into detail about her new testimony.

Von Bulow's senior lawyer, Mr Thomas Puccio, had sought to have Ms Isles barred from testifying, contending that her views were not relevant to the state's charges that his client tried to murder his wife, Martha, with insulin injections.

Ms Isles had given key "motives" testimony at von Bulow's first trial in 1982. That conviction and his 30-year prison term were overturned by an appeals court for technical reasons. — Reuters.

Leaders to step up technology cooperation in Eureka

Paris agrees to differ with Bonn on Star Wars

From Anna Tompford in Bonn

France and West Germany are taking "different roads" on the American Star Wars project, President Francois Mitterrand said after a meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday which clearly failed to bridge the rift between Bonn and Paris about the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Both leaders said after the four-hour informal meeting at Lake Constance, that they would intensify technological cooperation as envisaged in France's Eureka proposals for a joint European technology programme.

But leaving no doubt that France still rejected participation in SDI research, Mitterrand said: "The interests of our two countries cannot be identical in all circumstances. That is the nature of things."

Dr Kohl, who has recently qualified his support for SDI by saying that it offered risks as well as opportunities, said yesterday that consultations with the French would continue after an exploratory trip by German experts to Washington in the near future.

The Chancellor endorsed France's Eureka proposals, saying that greater European cooperation in high technology was vital next to that of the axis by the Bonn and Paris. He said that the two countries would finally take part in both SDI and Eureka, or prefer one to the other.

Kremlin backtracks at Geneva talks, says White House

From Michael White in Washington

The White House yesterday responded in kind to Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's characterisation of the progress of the Geneva arms talks as "completely fruitless." President Reagan's spokesman endorsed the judgment, but blamed it on Soviet "backtracking" on previous offers, coupled with a "lack of imagination."

On the eve of the second round of negotiations, which opened today in Geneva, it was hardly a propitious exchange and reflects what seems to be the consensus on both sides that the present stalemate is unlikely to be broken easily.

The Administration is still calling for a serious Russian response to its own offer of deep cuts in strategic nuclear weaponry while the Russians insist on linking wider progress with an American commitment to curtail its Strategic Defence Initiative or Star Wars.

Mr Gorbachev's remarks to the former West German Chancellor, Mr Willy Brandt, have not been extensively reported, but the White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, arrived at yesterday's morning briefing with a prepared statement.

The US negotiating team, whose leaders met President Reagan yesterday, had been sent back to Geneva with the same instructions — serious

Doctor gaoled for slur on unity of Yugoslavs

By our Foreign Staff

A 71-year-old retired doctor, living in Sarajevo, is serving a five-and-a-half year prison sentence in Yugoslavia and has had all his property in the country confiscated for "insulting the existence of the brotherhood and unity of Yugoslav people" and for "insulting" the late President Tito.

Dr Ivan Zografic is Bulgarian, but is listed as one of more than 200 prisoners of conscience adopted by Amnesty International in Yugoslavia in recent years. Most are

Interpreter of post-war Germany

TERENCE PRITTE, whose work as chief correspondent for the Guardian in post-war Germany the paper can remember with much pride, died yesterday at the age of 72.

His former colleagues will divide his career into two parts, but his idiosyncrasies were such that he himself would probably have divided it into more. He was cricket correspondent for a brief spell in the paper's Manchester days, and among the many under Konrad Adenauer will know him as a friend, unwavering supporter, and corrector of errors on

behalf of the state of Israel. Terence Cornelius Farmer Pritte was the younger son of an Irish noble family and never forgot those roots — after the death of Eamon De Valera, he wrote a letter of appreciation to the *Irish Times* as an hereditary spokesman of the Anglo-Irish community. But he was educated in England, and after Oxford entered the Rifle Brigade.

He was captured early in the war, and escaped from prisoner-of-war camps six times, exploits for which in 1945 he was made an MBE in the military division. If he had thoughts of returning to England after VE-Day, they were short-lived, for A. P. Wadsworth, the then editor, appointed him to Germany in 1946.



Pasek — Greece's socialist party — faces a stern test in Sunday's general election and is mounting a big campaign. As the party rally in Salonika demonstrates, much of its support comes from youth.

Mitsotakis guarantees a close election in Greece

From Campbell Page in Athens

CONSTANTINE Mitsotakis, the 67-year-old Cretan who became leader of the main opposition party, New Democracy, last year, has reason for self-congratulation. After disputing the legality of the presidential election in March, he demanded an early general election and got one, even if it was not the direct result of his request.

He has since guaranteed a close contest in Sunday's voting, after delivering a classic attack on socialism in power as the dream which inevitably failed. The Prime Minister and leader of the Socialist Party, Paskos, Mr Andreas Papanastasiou, has followed by Mr Papanastasiou. Traditionally, politicians take the gloves off in Greek election campaigns, especially when a close result is predicted.

The elder statesman, Mr Constantine Karamanlis, who founded a new conservative party after the collapse of the military regime in 1974, went on to win two general elections. His successor lost an election, and the third leader of the party never fought one.

As the fourth leader of New Democracy, Mr Mitsotakis inherited the duty of mounting a serious challenge to Paskos, which had won a decisive victory in 1981 with its promise of

change and radical reform. Arguably, many fleeing voters in 1981 decided to give socialism a chance because the previous New Democracy governments had already restituted the country into democratic governance after the seven years of military rule. Mr Mitsotakis believes that Greece should now return to its natural path — economic liberalism and a committed international role in the West.

The campaign has been harsh, for several reasons. Mr Papanastasiou dislikes his rival because both men come from the same political family — the pre-war Centre Union, which Mr Mitsotakis left in circumstances described by Mr Papanastasiou. Traditionally, politicians take the gloves off in Greek election campaigns, especially when a close result is predicted.

Mr Mitsotakis has denied any links with former King Constantine, who lost his throne in the 1974 referendum on the monarchy. No evidence has been produced to support allegations of such links in the press. However, in a campaign speech, Mr Papanastasiou said that New Democracy leader, Mr Mitsotakis, was "informed" of his close ties with Constantine Karamanlis in London.

The Prime Minister also identified New Democracy

with the kind of unrelenting welfare state and turn the countryside into a forgotten Greece.

A campaign leaflet produced by New Democracy shows a shrinking 1,000 drachma note which can hardly be seen even with the aid of a magnifying glass. The leaflet gives the essence of the Opposition's onslaught on the incompetence of ideological government.

Mr Mitsotakis said in a television broadcast that the citizens were plagued by unemployment and trapped in the coils of bureaucracy. What could Mr Papanastasiou tell the electorate? "The drachma, which represents the toil of working people, is daily losing its value. The rate of inflation in our country is four times that of other EEC states."

New Democracy's message is a reduced role for the state, more scope for individual initiative, economic liberalism, and attractive cuts in taxation. The party describes itself as centre-right or liberal-conservative, and is determined to escape from Paskos's attempt to label the votes of the narrow, self-interested right.

The party's own polls apparently put New Democracy ahead of Paskos, but the figures have not been made available.

Agca makes trial 'farce'

From George Armstrong in Rome

All Agca, the Turkish chief witness in the papal shooting trial, is turning the proceedings into a black farce.

He said that if the Vatican ignored his claim that he was Jesus Christ, repeated yesterday, he would not testify against the three Bulgarians charged as accomplices.

Agca has accused the three of having been his accomplices. "I also invite the Vatican to reveal the third secret of Fatima," he told the court before becoming silent.

If he refuses to speak, the trial could end since the entire "Bulgarian connection" is founded on Agca's prison confessions.

After serving one year of his life sentence, Agca began recounting a seemingly well-documented link between him, underworld Turkish elements, and three Bulgarians then in Rome. Only one of the three, Sergei Antonov, traffic manager for Balkan Air, was arrested in 1982 and is present in the court room.

Speaking with the precision of a robot, he recited "his claims" to a disbelieving audience, explicitly denying Islam.

"Anyone can call me mad, but I ask them to recall that the Pope has even come to visit me in my cell. He called our meeting marvellous and excellent and said that to men more intelligent than you. I also invite the Vatican to reveal the third secret of Fatima," he told the court.

He and the late Mark Arnold-Foster provided an outstanding chronicle of Germany's post-war suffering and recovery, starting with the "denazification" processes and the dismantling of the war industries; and ending with the flight of German refugees in 1945.

His feel for that critical period of European history is apparent in his biographies of Adenauer and Willy Brandt. He was awarded the Federal German Cross of Merit in 1971.

After his spell in Germany, Pritte became the Guardian's diplomatic correspondent. Though exacting, the post was, he said, less so than the one he had left in Bonn; it allowed him, when not much was happening on

Ministers agree on reform of the CAP to stop surpluses

From Derek Brown in Siena

Farm ministers of the European Community have at last agreed to work for a radical reform of the 12 billion Common Agricultural Policy.

The EEC Farm Commission, Mr Frans Andriessen, promised that a long-awaited detailed discussion paper on reform would be published soon, and followed by firm proposals in the autumn. Those proposals will address the central dilemma facing the divided member states: how to wipe out huge EEC food surpluses while at the same time protecting farmers' incomes.

Mr Andriessen yesterday outlined the Commission's latest thinking on long-term developments, including switching production to new crops and products, and controlling agricultural pollution and protecting the countryside. But he insisted that the starting point for reform must be the control of prices, to bring sharply rising supplies back into line with stagnant demand. He rejected an extension of quotas and other internal administrative measures for controlling production.

"Let us have no illusions on this point. If the Community cannot succeed in controlling the markets through a restrictive price policy sooner or later, we shall find ourselves

extending the empire of quotas," he told ministers.

The farm ministers are embroiled in a fierce battle over prices, particularly in the cereal sector, where there is a surplus of 20 million tonnes. Germany is holding out for a price cut this year of less than 1 per cent, compared with the Commission's original aim of 5 per cent, which has been whittled down to 1.5 per cent in a so far futile search for compromise.

German determination to block a significant price cut has cast a long shadow over the early stages of the wider reform debate. So, too, has the growing tension between the EEC and the United States as they compete on the world market to sell their surplus food.

The US last week announced a \$2 billion package of extra aid to farm exporters and has dismayed EEC officials in its determined attack on European markets.

Mr Andriessen raised the temperature another degree or two yesterday when he vigorously defended the Community's right to promote its own export sales. He said that the Commission was already considering new export promotion measures, including credits, long-term supply arrangements, and links between food aid to developing countries and commercial sales.

Mr Pritte leaves a widow and two sons.

Geoffrey Taylor

● Terence Pritte, advocate of Israel

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK delays summit
BRITAIN has postponed an economic meeting with India scheduled to open next month in London, apparently because of India's refusal to buy British helicopters.

Killing charge
JOANNE Theresa Eaton, aged 26, and Marcus Hamilton Barnes, aged 24, who allegedly caused the death of their daughter, aged three, by putting her on a diet of water only, were remanded on bail until August 15, by a Melbourne court yesterday. They entered no plea, but police allege the couple imposed the diet to cure a cold. — Reuters.

Running setback
THE BRITISH runner, Mr Henry West, was set back by an unidentified illness as he passed through the heart of Thailand in his effort to become the first man to run around the world, a British embassy official said in Bangkok yesterday. Mr West fell ill about halfway through his 435-mile run from Chiang Mai in the north, to Bangkok. — AP.

Aid advice
THE UN and the European Community would benefit financially by giving away surplus grain to drought-stricken African countries, according to the London-based commodities magazine, Bulk Systems International. The magazine says that the West was paying large sums to store unwanted wheat and barley. — Reuters.

Free choice
A GROUP of 57 Vietnamese refugees sailed from Hong Kong voluntarily rather than be detained indefinitely in closed camps. A Government spokesman said the refugees, who left northern Vietnam on April 22, were among a group of 61 people who sailed into Hong Kong on Thursday. — AP.

Job training
MANY Chinese officials are too old, undereducated, or ill-qualified for their jobs and their inefficiency hurts the country, the People's Daily said in Peking yesterday. Millions of bureaucrats should be told their rights and duties, the paper said. — Reuters.

Bubble bursts
THE 1985 champagne harvest may be the worst in 50 years, with less than sparkling output expected due to unusually severe winter and spring frosts, a spokesman for the Champagne Trade Association said yesterday. — Reuters.

Public burning
WRITTEN submissions by Hong Kong people in accord under which the colony will revert to China in 1997 were burned in a ceremony supervised by a senior judge yesterday to ally the votes of the colony with the Chinese hands. — Reuters.

Hippo shot
THE FIRST hippopotamus to be seen in Harare died after it lumbered into a suburban shopping centre yesterday and was knocked over a wall. Wildlife rangers immobilised the 3,000lb animal with a drugged dart, but it died soon after. — Reuters.

Journey's end
ABOUT 25,000 people in Vancouver greeted Mr Steve Fonoy, aged 19, a one-legged cancer victim, yesterday who has run almost 5,000 miles across Canada to raise money for research into the disease. — Reuters.

Abortion move
THE SOCIALIST dominated Spanish lower house of parliament yesterday approved modifications to a restricted abortion bill, paving the way for approval of the legislation by both houses. — AP.

German escapes
AN EAST German man, aged 30, escaped to West Germany across the Czechoslovak border yesterday, police said, but would not identify the escapee. — AP.

Star in court
The rock star Phil Lynott, aged 38, was remanded on \$50 bail by a Dublin court yesterday, accused of possessing and importing cannabis at the city's airport on Monday night.

Palestinians stage fight-back in battle for refugee camps

American hospital chief kidnapped in Beirut

Beirut: Guzman yesterday seized the American head of Beirut's biggest hospital in the 15th abduction of a Westerner in Lebanon this year.

Mr David Jacobson, aged 54, director of the American University of Beirut medical centre, was kidnapped as he walked from the camp towards his office in a Muslim-controlled West Beirut. No one has yet claimed responsibility.

In Beirut's three Palestinian refugee camps, heavy fighting between Shi'ite Muslims and Palestinians erupted yesterday as negotiations to end the nine-day battle for control remained deadlocked.

Machine-gun fire and explosions echoed from the Sabra and Chatilla camps, and Bourj al-Barajneh appeared tense after artillery and rocket fire on Monday night, witnesses said.

An Amal politburo member, Mr Akel Haider, said that the Palestinians had kidnapped an Amal-held mental hospital near Sabra and, in what he called a "massacre", killed 12 militiamen and eight soldiers "like sheep" after drugging their tea.

A militia source said later, however, that only three Shi'ite fighters had been killed and the circumstances were unclear. Fighting broke out "to put an end to this situation" another militia source said.

According to a Palestinian spokesman, Palestinian forces captured the hospital in a surprise attack before dawn, taking 14 prisoners, including army soldiers.

Amal determined to prevent any resurgence of Palestinian military power in Lebanon, has so far received no reply to ceasefire proposals put forward on Sunday.

radio, meanwhile, broadcast an appeal for families to collect relatives from the mental hospital as it was "no longer able to take care

of them because of damage suffered in the fighting."

Political sources said negotiators were still bogged down over Amal's proposal, put forward in Syrian-mediated peace talks, for a multi-party committee to collect Palestinian arms and for paramilitary police to take charge of the camps.

The army's Shi'ite sixth brigade, which is fighting alongside Amal, would be deployed around the camps.

The Palestinians want to keep their weapons and demand that food and water be brought into the camps, where they say hundreds of wounded are dying for lack of proper medical treatment. Druze radio quoted a Red Cross official as saying attempts were being made to arrange a ceasefire so that wounded could be evacuated from Bourj al-Barajneh.

The Red Cross took 14 seriously injured people from Bourj al-Barajneh on Monday, but had to suspend its operation because of a breakdown in security.

Hospital sources said at least 255 people have been killed and more than 1,000 people wounded in the fighting, not including casualties trapped inside. An Amal official at Bourj al-Barajneh said there was heavy fighting there on Monday night.

Witnesses said tanks shelled Sabra and Chatilla early yesterday morning. A cloud of smoke rose over the camps amid the sound of machine-gun fire, rocket-propelled grenades and what sounded like tank fire.

A spokesman for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said earlier that dismembered bodies had been piled up in the alleys of the camps.

An Amal official yesterday said that the PLO leader, Mr Yasser Arafat, that Amal and the army had massacred civilians in the camps. — Reuters.

Baghdad keeps up pressure on Iran

Bahrain: Iraq yesterday kept up its heavy air strikes on Iranian towns amid increasing international concern about the latest flare-up in Gulf war fighting.

Baghdad and Tehran were also hit by retaliatory attacks, which appeared from official reports to be some of the most concentrated raids so far in the 56-month war.

The International Committee of the Red Cross blamed Iraq for starting the latest round of attacks. Its president, Mr Alexandre Hay, said that the bombardment of civilians was "one of the very gravest violations of international humanitarian law."

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In previous strikes, 63 Iraqi planes hit eight towns and military camps—Khashan, Baneh, Marivan, Elia Khosh, Ilam, Abadan, Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab, and Gilan-e-Gharb, he said.

Iran said that it had a surface-to-surface missile at Baghdad early yesterday after Iraqi jets attacked residential areas of Tehran, killing at least nine people. Residents in Baghdad reported a big explosion at about the same time, but could give no details of its location.

In Bonn, the Economics Minister, Mr Walter Mommsen, cancelled a two-day visit to Iraq because of the attack.

Iran's national news agency, Iran, which on Monday reported Iranian air raids on military and economic targets in seven Iraqi towns, said that Iraqi jets had also fired a rocket into a crowded holding camp for prisoners of war near Tehran. No casualty figures were given.

Iran has reported scores of casualties in Iraqi raids which began on Sunday. In what Baghdad said was retaliation for Iran's involvement in an unsuccessful car bomb attack on the Emir of Kuwait, Iraq has partly denied the charge.

In Geneva, Mr Hay said in a statement that a de facto truce of nearly eight weeks in attacks on civilian centres had been broken by Iraq.

"There were no signs of a truce on either side to a UN appeal for restraint in attacks on civilian centres and a positive response to peace efforts," — Reuters.

THE International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva yesterday blamed Iraq for starting the latest round of civilian bombardments in the Gulf War and urged Iran and Iraq to stop killing civilians. — Reuters.

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Kurds take Romanians die in blast

By Liz Thurgood

Twenty-six foreigners working in Iraq have been taken prisoner and are being held in Mount Sinjar, a Kurdish region, an Iraqi rebel organisation claimed yesterday.

The foreigners include Chinese, Italian, Japanese, and South Korean. The rest are being held in Mount Sinjar, a Kurdish region, an Iraqi rebel organisation claimed yesterday.

According to the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, the men who were all working on military-related projects will not be released until their governments and companies agree "not to undertake such projects without PUK approval."

The seven governments, which were contacted last week by the Kurds, must "practically all means at their disposal" to persuade Baghdad "to abandon harsh and repressive rule against the Kurdish people" especially the recent policy of erasing tribal villages.

The men, who were seized at the beginning of the month, are being well treated, a PUK spokesman said. The whereabouts are not known.

Bucharest: Two members of a Romanian bomb squad were killed in an explosion while searching a Syrian student's car, sources said yesterday. It was the most serious incident in a series of bomb threats involving Syrians.

The bomb, hidden in a car belonging to a Syrian student, went off on Sunday at the Grozavesti student hostel complex after the same experts had successfully removed a bomb from another Syrian car.

In both cases, the car owners were said to have received telephone calls warning them of the bombs and notified Romanian police.

Police, helped by army specialists yesterday searched for another bomb in a car parked in a courtyard next to an apartment building housing foreign diplomats.

Extraordinary security measures were taken, including evacuating a wing of the seven-story building, "town, gas, and water supplies were temporarily cut. Two ambulances and a fire engine were ready to intervene.

Army disposal experts, after enveloping the white Mercedes-230 in thick smoke to protect the building, found no bomb. — AP.

Northern Sri Lanka threatened with collapse

David Pallister writes from Colombo on the war in the north as an Indian envoy arrived there reportedly to pave the way for a meeting between his Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, and the Sri Lankan President, Mr Junius Jayewardene

THE NORTHERN provinces of Sri Lanka are slipping inexorably into a condition of endemic violence, chaos, and collapse, as the war between Tamil separatists and Sri Lankan troops grows more ferocious.

Throughout the region, inhabited by more than a million Tamils, people live in constant terror of indiscriminate reprisals by the army and police after the increasingly frequent operations of the Tamil guerrillas. Every town I visited during a four-day trip had its stories of carnage and atrocities by the security forces in recent months—and the evidence in many cases was close to overwhelming. To make matters worse, the administrative and economic structure is eroding under the effect of the war.

The local government apparatus now barely functions. Roads have fallen into disrepair, traffic has been reduced to a trickle, north-south trade has almost disappeared, agriculture has been disrupted.

In the jungles are the camps of the "boys"—the young Tamil guerrillas from which they issue forth to mine roads, lay ambushes, and pick off police stations. In the towns are the sandbagged headquarters of the Sri Lankan army, almost entirely Sinhalese, frustrated and angry, and entrusted with the unhappy task of maintaining "order" among a largely hostile population, as well as fighting the separatists.

It is clear that the army is still using torture to extract confessions from Tamil youths. The techniques are similar to those documented by Amnesty International last year.

A young social worker from the north-eastern fishing town of Mullaitivu described how he was arrested for a day by the army in March.

"I was taken from my house to the army camp and they accused me of being a terrorist. I was made to bend down and my hands were tied together behind my knees and they hung me upside down from a tree.

"Then they took a rice bag which was open at both ends and tied it over my head. They put in wood smoke and chilli powder and closed the other end. It was very painful. The stuff gets up your nose and in your eyes.

After about an hour they brought me down and they started beating me on my back and buttocks and the soles of my feet with plastic bars filled with concrete. They kept saying: 'You are a terrorist or you are helping to hide them.'

At the end of the day he was released. His knees are still obviously swollen and he has a nine-inch scar across his back. Dark bruises on his wrists show where he carried his body weight from the bar. His hands are so weakened he cannot do sensitive work.

To make a complaint, he said, would be foolish. He believes he would be killed. If his name was published in the Guardian, he has a good chance of being killed. Local people said that the commander of the camp, who has since moved elsewhere, was a lieutenant-colonel who acted like a civilised man.

About 20 miles north of the Buddhist holy city of Anuradhapura, past edgy soldiers manning a sandbagged suspicion stretches across Sri Lanka. Since the massacre of Sinhalese civilians in the city two weeks ago—and the reprisal killings of at least 50 Tamils—the place is under siege.

Five hundred Tamils have been bussed north to refugee camps for their own safety. A home guard of vigilantes, armed with ancient shotguns that farmers previously used to protect their crops, have been set up by local government agents.

The unprecedented furor about the massacre, in Parliament and in the government, has been a different light. Every community had its accusations of atrocities by the security forces over the past six months.

Why are these not admitted, never mind condemned, was the recurring question? There is widespread suspicion, because no Tamil group has said it carried out the attack, that the gunmen may have been Sinhalese-sponsored agents provocateurs.

Two days after the Anuradhapura attack, a ferry with Tamil civilians travelling from the island of Delft to Jaffna peninsula in the north was set upon by a boatload of men armed with knives, guns, and



Nervous Sri Lankan troops (top) hold their weapons in the firing position as they search a village. Above, some of the victims of the massacre at the rehabilitation centre that sparked the alleged army riot

machetes. Thirty people were hacked to death, and 33 injured.

After a three-day investigation, the Navy, which has a base on the nearby island of Karaliyagar, announced that its men were not involved. The Colombo papers did not report what appeared in the Tamil-language paper, the Eelando, published in Jaffna and circulated only in the north. In their reports, survivors were quoted as saying that they recognised some of their assailants as coming from the base.

The entire northern province is collapsing. The local government administration has been paralysed by the guerrillas, who operate from their camps in the thick jungle, which covers large expanses of the countryside. For the past six months, after the guerrillas stepped up attacks on police and army posts and laid landmines, the roads have not been repaired.

They are so rutted and potholed that the few buses which connect the main towns move at an average speed of 10 miles an hour. Curfew from 7 pm to 4 am means that last buses leave around 3 pm. It is a common joke that the security forces are so beleaguered and overstretched that the curfew is there to give them a rest. All of them Tamil—dare not take their vehicles out of the towns for fear of being hijacked by the

guerrillas. The number of commercial trucks moving supplies north, and produce and fish south, has dwindled to a trickle.

Shortages have doubled the price of rice in Jaffna. Petrol and diesel are strictly rationed, exorbitantly expensive, and can in some places be obtained only from the army camps.

In Vavuniya, the first Tamil border town, development work on irrigation and a big World Bank electrification scheme has had to be abandoned.

Guerrilla activity started in the area in June, 1983, with an attack on an air force jeep, and last August an allegedly corrupt police chief was blown up in his own office. The bomb was activated when he turned on the fan.

By far the most serious and so far unreported incident happened at the end of last year and, in terms of missing people, all feared dead, the number is surpassed only by the 400 Tamils killed in Colombo during the summer riots of 1983.

On November 30, as was reported at the time, guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam attacked two large farms which had been settled with Sinhalese prisoners as part of the Government's controversial strategy of moving Sinhalese into Tamil areas. Eighty-five people died.

Two days later—and this was not

reported—according to local people who have compiled a list of names, 172 males aged between 15 and 53 were arrested by army and air force units in nearby villages around Cheddikulam and Semambudi, known sanctuaries for the guerrillas. The air force later said that 35 terrorists were shot trying to escape from their base, an explanation that no one believes.

The army denied all knowledge of the other men, saying their soldiers had never visited the villages that day. They have simply disappeared. One villager told me that his friend had lost three sons. "He went to Colombo for three weeks to find out where they had gone, but nobody could tell him," he said.

Although ministers, and even the President, have admitted that the security forces have occasionally been responsible for "excesses," the normal practice is to put out a brief statement saying that a number of terrorists have been killed, with perhaps a few civilians caught in the crossfire.

Four weeks ago, for instance, the army announced that a landmine had killed four soldiers and 20 captured Tamil guerrillas near Mullaitivu. But, according to one of the survivors, the event was in fact a massacre. He told me that the army had gone to the village of Puttukkudiyiruppu and there arrested two guerrilla suspects and one informer. A further 19 Tamil men were picked up and put in a bus as hostages—apparently a regular tactic to protect army convoys from ambush. But on this occasion the jeep carrying the four soldiers and the three detainees was blown up.

"We were told to get down from the bus and we had to pick up all the pieces of bodies in our sarongs," the man said. "Then we were driven to the beginning of a jungle track and the soldiers lined up on either side of it. We were told to go down the track and the soldiers started firing. I ran off into the jungle and escaped. Only four of us got out alive."

As you get closer to the Jaffna peninsula, home for more than 800,000 Tamils, the tension becomes even more palpable. Official access to the peninsula, past the army camp at Elephant Pass, is restricted to permit-holders. Journalists are forbidden to enter. Three months ago, during a guerrilla attack on the heavily fortified police station at Killinochchi, eight miles south, the army started shelling the town.

Since then, the government agent has been "on holiday." The station was attacked again six weeks ago, and local people say that two days later 29 houses were burnt by the police, leaving four people dead.

One late afternoon I was stranded in a village nearby with no buses and no taxis. For what to a Tamil labourer would be two weeks' wages I was able to hire a van for the 14-hour dash to the nearest rest house before the curfew fell. On the way we were stopped by an army convoy of three jeeps. My Tamil driver and his companion were petrified.

The young army captain in his immaculate khaki combat fatigues was hostile and suspicious as he fingered our identification cards and minutely examined the bright hologram on my passport. He spoke in stilted English. After a tense 10 minutes—with guns trained on us and the catches off—we were allowed to carry on, the driver gasping on his cigarette in relief.

For a white foreigner, making contact with the guerrillas in these areas is a relatively easy business. They seek you out. A young man wanted to check my passport. "You may be CIA or Mossad," he said.

Although there is no evidence that the Israeli internal security service's three-man team in Colombo, which includes an intelligence expert, is responsible, there is a widespread belief that Mossad encouraged the security forces' tactics of terror reprisals.

"They are killing people every day in Jaffna," he told me—a claim that bore some weight when set against a list of incidents in last month's editions of the Eelando newspaper. When he arrived at the teahouse it suddenly filled up with young men in their twenties. The "boys" as they are called in the north, are clearly in control of the countryside and enjoy almost universal support—all which is why the security forces see all young men as potential terrorists.

The "boys" move around Jaffna at night at will, at a number of moderate Tamils believe that their aim of a separate state is only an extreme demand to force some substantial concessions on regional autonomy from an indecisive government. One of the groups, however, from their headquarters in Madras, profess to be revolutionary socialists, bent on transforming the whole of Sri Lanka into a socialist state.

Either way, the Government is taking no chances. Near Colombo yesterday police stations were being sandbagged and the papers reported that all Colombo schools were to have security guards.

Karachi troops told to shoot on sight as unrest spreads throughout city

KARACHI: Pakistani troops patrolling Karachi were ordered to shoot curfew-breakers on sight yesterday, as unrest spread throughout the city, police said.

At least 225 people have been arrested in two days of violence, in which three people were killed. At least 40 vehicles were damaged, and houses were looted, by protesting Pashtun migrant workers, they said.

The Sind government would not confirm or deny the figures, but said it would be firm with lawbreakers.

Troops have been stationed in western Karachi since clashes between Pashtuns and Sindhis last month claimed at least 55 lives began patrolling northern Karachi last night.

They were given shoot-on-sight orders for western Karachi, after a group of Pashtuns, who come from

the border area near Afghanistan, set fire to a post office to protest against firing by soldiers earlier in the day.

Troops opened fire on 5,000 Pashtuns who attacked an army headquarters to press demands for the release of an arrested Pashtun politician. Residents said the Pashtuns in northern Karachi had set up several road blocks and hurled stones at Urdu-speaking residents whose cars they

stopped. Some occupants were stabbed.

Karachi's million-strong Pashtun community, which dominates transport in the city, kept many of their vehicles off the streets yesterday in protest against attacks on them. They say that at least 100 of their buses have been burned by the Biharis since an Urdu-speaking girl was killed by a bus in a traffic accident last month, setting off a week of violent ethnic clashes. — Reuters.

S. African bomb blast injures six

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

At least six people were injured yesterday when an explosion ripped through South African Defence Force offices in central Johannesburg.

A Jimpet mine exploded on a fire escape outside the first floor offices of the SADF medical corps, blowing out an entire outer wall and causing extensive damage inside the office. No one has claimed responsibility.

No one was killed in the blast, police said. The Jimpet mine was spotted by a soldier on the fire escape before it exploded. An order to evacuate the building was given, but those leaving when the bomb exploded were said to have borne the brunt of the blast.

The explosion came as South African and Bophuthatswana police were hunting for suspected guerrillas after a policeman was killed and another injured in the black township of Garankua, about 20 miles north of Pretoria.

Garankua lies within the normally independent homeland of Bophuthatswana. The security police officers, Brigadier Herman Stadler and Major Graig Williamson, characterised the ANC as a movement beset by internal problems.

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Russians send tanks to break rebel siege

Islamabad: Soviet troops have launched a big offensive in Afghanistan's Kunar valley near the Pakistani border, sending hundreds of tanks and military vehicles to break an 11-month rebel siege there.

Western diplomats and Afghan exiles said yesterday that the push was aimed at breaking the guerrilla encirclement of the Afghan army garrison at Barikot and cutting rebel supply lines from Pakistan.

Intense air strikes began pounding rebel positions in the valley on May 17, and the Soviet column, which guerrilla sources estimated at over 600 vehicles, started the ground thrust on May 21.

A second convoy of more than 150 vehicles reached the village of Asmar, three-quarters of the way to the valley, last Thursday and then pushed

into rebel-held areas on its way to Barikot.

The offensive was the latest in a series of increasingly successful Soviet attempts to block rebel supply routes bringing men and weapons from bases in Pakistan, the Afghan Communist Party politburo said on Monday, that sealing the borders and eliminating what it called the counter-revolutionaries was the main task for Kabul's Soviet-backed government.

Barikot, where the Afghan army can be supplied only by air, has been under rebel siege for 14 months. The Soviet column coming up from Jalalabad was joined by the Afghan army's Ninth Mountain Division at Chagaserai, halfway up the 85-mile valley, then continued towards Barikot. — Reuters.

Heavy daily air strikes have pounded Kunar and its side valleys, pinning down rebel groups and making reinforcement difficult, the exiles said. The Soviet column coming up from Jalalabad was joined by the Afghan army's Ninth Mountain Division at Chagaserai, halfway up the 85-mile valley, then continued towards Barikot. — Reuters.

Alex Bodie adds: A foreign

office minister, Mr Zain Nourani, said yesterday that Kabul had little interest in a peaceful settlement, being more concerned in using the Geneva process to win acceptance for an illegitimate and unacceptable regime.

Pakistan would not be bullied into changing its demand for the withdrawal of Soviet troops, he said.

Pakistan does not recognise the regime in Kabul—hence the talks at Geneva are indirect with the two sides sitting in separate rooms.

The statement was made in the National Assembly, shortly before the UN envoy, Mr Diego Cordovez, left Islamabad for Kabul in a hurry.

No explanation was given for his hurried departure by a special UN plane, but he is expected to return here tomorrow for more talks with Pakistani officials.

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predicted that the ANC would soon strike at "soft" civilian targets.

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Dalkon: the cost of concealment

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Nursing Mirror

A fresh leap of faith in a Dance of Death

"NOW you see why I don't give interviews," Alan Bates was sitting with a friendly but forbidding smile on a beaten-up settee at the back of a large, recently completed summer-house down the end of the garden of his newly acquired St John's Wood house.

Bates is now 61 and, though his actual face is as appealing, romantic and sharp-eyed as ever, the flesh below it is spreading to more comfortable proportions. He is going, gracefully and languorously, to seed. There's no sun, and he's wrapped in a voluminous, long-sleeved, greatcoat. "Indoors his boys are doing their weekend homework."

Bates doesn't like talking about himself, thinks he's bad at it. "I wish we could be talking about this opera," he says, leaning back. "The Dance of Death at Riverside. What people would know if it was about myself. You see, you've seduced me into telling you all sorts of things I'll probably regret."

Half of the work is ours. We are not marionettes

worthwhile and there'd be something to talk about. He would say, if it wasn't pretentious, that his work speaks for itself. Being an actor doesn't mean you're a personality. He doesn't like thinking about what he's doing so that it comes out as an impressive account. "I'm just an actor," he says — which is not the kind of self-promotion package to feed to the personality sound.

His method is experimental, instinctive. His absolute determination to be his own man, not part of an institution, hence his almost complete absence from the great national companies. He has never worked with Brook, Hall, Nunn, Hands. The directors he likes are Schlegel (with whom he's made films), Anderson, Ronald Fyne. Clearly, what he wants from a director is the attitude of a modern parent — supportive not dictatorial.

He confesses, that he had refused to play Claudius in Lindsay Anderson's *Stratford East* Hamlet production, mainly because Anderson had not directed Bates's own Hamlet at Nottingham a decade earlier. The tale is told with affection not spite, then Bates's anecdotal stops: "I don't like talking

about myself. You see, you've seduced me into telling you all sorts of things I'll probably regret."

Bates gave a graphic account of how important Anderson had been for him when he starred in David Storey's *Celebration*, one of the most significant and truthful of all post-war British plays. "Like many people, not only actors," Bates explains, "I was snatching work without really thinking and rushing at parts in the late Sixties in a bit of a panic: falling into easy patterns of things I knew worked. And Lindsay rang me up and asked me to be in *Celebration*, and offered me not the part I played in fact, but one of the other brothers which was sort of an area I'd done before. And I said I'd like to play the older part, and he said 'All right'."

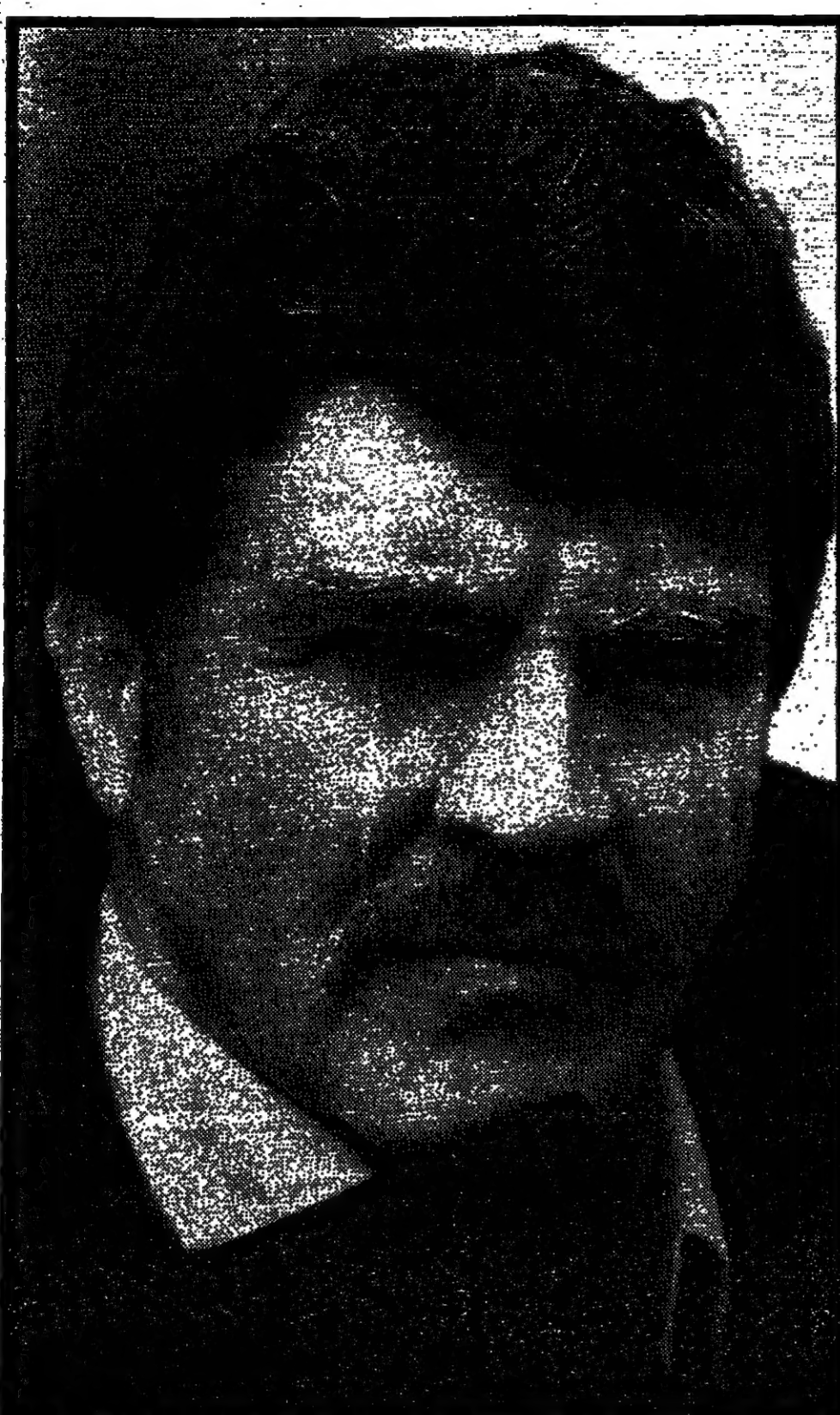
"It was new for me, different, and I had to prove that was what I could do. I found it very difficult, having asked for it, to just walk in and say, 'well this is how you do it.' And he was absolutely extraordinary. I found the first scene very difficult, and he never said a word. Each day we rehearsed it and he just let it go."

And I began to get worse and worse. And finally he said, 'Right, and let it go again.' 'Next scene.' And I said, 'No, this is not good.' He said, 'Seems perfectly all right to me. Nothing wrong with it at all. Next scene, please.' Which was brilliant. Very simple. It made me feel completely confident. And next day he started to direct it, but I had had to feel good about it.

"You don't get many directors with that insight. It was a marvellous thing. And there was something just about the sheer honesty of the play and Lindsay's approach to it, that I suddenly felt I'd levelled out again. I was back in perspective. back on my tracks. He and the play just came at a time when I was needed. That was fortuitous."

Anderson is mystified by this anecdote. Bates could never have been considered for any other part than the older brother in *Celebration*. "Are you sure he's not thinking of another play, another director?" But whether Bates's recollection is accurate, the gist of it rings very true.

Bates finds his way through every part by trying things out until he feels they



ALAN BATES: acting is mysterious. Picture by Garry Weaser

fit accurately and truthfully. His performances have to have a kind of organic continuity, and at rehearsal I saw Keith Haze, the director, and Bates and Frances de la Tour play with a problem transition which Bates felt was completely unsatisfactory.

"There was a submerged confrontation which had to be brought out," Bates later explained. His approach is instinctive and experimental and totally unsuited to the kind of self-conscious, intellectual debate that variety actors sometimes indulge in.

"I've always been very wary of looking too much about what you're doing as an actor. The two vital things are instinct and imagination, and the attempt to understand who and the complexities of who I'm playing. I may research a period or part a bit, but it doesn't necessarily involve a lot of reading or intellectual approach."

Bates's career is similarly free of any pattern of ambition. He fell into the Royal Court by accident. "It was a good day in London," Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, in which he played Cliff Lewis, was the third he did there. "So before I really had any direction I was given one. I was placed. And since those days at the Court I've been wanted as an actor. There's a lot of chance in it, but that has to be helped. I don't just sit back and wait. I could probably have manipulated it more than I have, but I've enjoyed the element of chance."

He likes a sense of company spirit. "But I'm suspicious of getting trapped with a false sense of security, if I got tied in to a company." The important thing is the quality of the work, he says, not where it's done, and he finds very distasteful the assumption of prestige attaching to the big subsidised companies and the implicit class system that suggests class work is, by definition, not major.

"Perhaps it's naive, but I think yes a lot of terrific paintings are in the National Gallery, but they weren't painted there, just created."

As for different traditions of acting, different styles, the only thing that matters to Bates is credibility, whether it's Thora Hird or Gerard Depardieu.

He has never felt tempted to identify publicly with the social and political causes

that were associated with the Court. The whole point about Bates's acting is that it is not placarded. His quality is far less tangible, a vitality and special charm that wins total credibility, and the sense not to entertain parts that strain credulity. Is he conscious of charm?

"One's told from time to time the quality one," he pauses, has. But one can't be conscious of it. Charm can be ghostly. People call it all sorts of things — charisma, presence, magic. I myself have said some people have got magic. Acting is quite mysterious."

"I never build a performance up artificially or consciously. I remember in an Englishman Abroad a friend complimented me on my fantastic walk. Well it was entirely unconscious. If, when you read a script, you don't get an immediate picture in your head, however general."

'We don't have to understand to be able to express'

then you shouldn't really say it. You can't be blotting paper for a director or you'll never believe in it yourself. We're not marionettes. Half the work is ours, and slowly even more than half becomes ours, because we're the ones who do it when the curtain goes up: the director's not there. The raw material is yours: you can't be plasticine."

At its most crude technique is just learning to deal with disasters, the control you develop over your own body. You could call technique just having the confidence to respond absolutely truthfully to each moment. Technique seems to imply something calculated and phoney. I don't like that. We don't have to understand to be able to express it. So, acting is a leap of faith that the audience has to take."

"I have this marvellous aunt," says Bates, who used to say at Christmas parties, "Well, you're the actor aren't you? Do something. Get up. Say something." But this assumption that because you're an actor you want to be constantly performing just isn't true. Actors are famous for the other people they are."

Tom Sutcliffe

Edward Greenfield reviews Wagner on compact disc

Ring of clarity

WHATEVER Wagner himself would have thought of seeing the Ring cycle on television, he would certainly have thrilled at the idea of an audience counted in millions. The Ring explosion has been extraordinary. Not only has BBC's latest showing reinforced the impact of the original production, the world of records has responded amazingly.

It seems scarcely credible that in the new medium of the Compact Disc there are now already four complete Ring cycles, more rivally than for any other single opera. With luck there will be a market for all four, for the practical advantages of CD with its continuous playing time of up to 70 minutes, the absence of background noise and the ease of finding the place are never more welcome than in the vast expanse of Wagner.

Only one of the four has a modern digital recording. That was the first in the field, the Eurodisc set recorded with the Dresden State Orchestra under Karajan, with a consistent cost as fine as anyone could assemble today. The snag is that it spreads luxuriously on to no fewer than 18 discs, and that any one disc needed recording faithfully captures the atmosphere of a studio, that rather underlines the relative absence of theatrical excitement in the performance.

I find it a version to enjoy for patient study, almost the equivalent of score-reading, where in different ways the other three versions try to vividly into the opera house. Doing that most clearly is the cycle which Karl Böhm recorded in the Festspielhaus at Bayreuth in 1957.

In passages of heavy orchestration the sound grows constricted, with the brass acquiring a raucous edge, but the flavour of a performance at Bayreuth is superbly caught. The adrenaflow flows at almost a constant rate, way virtually impossible in the studio, as at the end of Act 1 of Walküre or in Brünnhilde's Immolation scene at the end of Götterdämmerung. There is a stillness, a transcendence, even her fine performance on Solti's Decca set, totally without sign of tiredness after a long evening, where the orchestra does show signs of wiliness.

Böhm's preference for speed in Wagner (a characteristic not often noted) means that Rheingold takes only two discs instead of three, making 14 discs for the whole cycle, with three music dramas readily squeezed on to four each. The pity is that Rheingold brings the least satisfactory performance, with Theo Adam's Wotan, keenly intelligent but never kind to the ear, here at its most woebly.

It is the young virile Wotan of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, a totally unconventional view but one full of new insights, that stands out vocally in Karajan's recording of Rheingold, and in the digital transfer for CD the lack of bass brings this home.

Sampling Karajan's cycle on CD brought home the number of fine individual performances it contains but also the snags, not least an impossible hero in Siegfried. But Götterdämmerung, last recorded of the series, has the best sound and most consistent cast including Herta and Paul Schickelschlegel, with Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic achieving a radiant close.

There is a case for preferring Karajan in Götterdämmerung to all the others, though if I had to choose a single cycle, it would still be the original Solti on Decca (15 CDs), still outstanding Böhm and Karajan in fullness of sound and with a performance both more exciting and more consistently cast than any. Next to Karajan, Solti may sometimes sound too heavy, and Walküre is less involving than the rest, but in its new format with digital transfers of outstanding quality it remains a first choice.

Spray for us

Hugh Hebert reviews Channel 4's look at the perils of modern pesticides

YOU remember the case of the White Fly? Order, naturally, and the farmer who went to court rather than consent to have his flies sprayed. Not because he is a card-carrying member of the Warble, but because the Min of Ag men wanted to douse his cows with a pesticide to kill the flies off. Since he had been contaminated with the self-same stuff years before, and suffered six months illness as a result, he objected strongly.

Compared with the disasters recalled in *What If It's Worth It*, the farmer's tale was mild. But it illustrates that a lot of people in farming are aware of the dangers of how vicious pesticides can be and yet still use them. And even the Bill is being watered down.

The disasters stretch in scale from the

manufacturing end — 2,000 killed by the leak at the Bhopal pesticide plant — to the personal. One witness on this programme had a year's serious illness, plus a fierce struggle to prove even the presence of the helicopter that sprayed her, and that she was not an industrial spy working for a rival pesticide company. Of which, of course, there are quite a few, sifting collectively on a bag of gold worth several hundred million pounds a year.

Meanwhile the residues of the chemicals — some of them banned in many countries but still allowed here — get into our food and may cause a whole lot of illness and allergy, as this programme suggested. Penny Junor presents this series in a crisp, straightforward style, though the director does send her walkabout rather more often than seems necessary; unless, that is, they are purged by warbles.

Still, Junor is a pleasure and a relief compared with the tinny, music hall version of consumerism offered by Sunday's *That's Life* (BBC-1). I don't quarrel with his proposition that hard cases ought to make better laws. But however heartrending the central tale may be — and this week it certainly was — the surrounding jollity and absurd jokes eventually send you away already forgetting what you were getting so righteous about just a few minutes ago.

Then there was *Keeping The Beat*, cause of a row when Channel 4 declined to transmit the original version in its *Who Cares?* series. With some changes, it eventually went out on Friday with its original view more or less intact — that there is no proof positive that if we all changed our habits it will do more to combat heart attacks than a strategy concentrating on those most at risk.

Which may be a perfectly reasonable doubt. But the structure of the programme made it appear a choice between government and heart attack, and a nice successful heart bypass operation. It also, by concentrating totally on fat in food, missed out on, for instance, sugar. As with pesticides, there are an awful lot of vested interests riding on this one, and the more we know about it, the less I like it.

Final thought: there was Steve Davis on the first of the new series of *The Time Of Your Life* (BBC-1), remembering with dewy eyes that moment in November 1980 when he became UK professional snooker champion. I don't think we could remember, I'm afraid, was that moment just a week or two ago, when the world title slipped away from him like an eel. I think they call it dramatic irony.

CONCERT DATES

Mehta/New York PO, Festival Hall, tomorrow 7.30. As the grandest offering in the American Festival Zubin Mehta conducts a programme of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, and Mahler's *Symphony No. 1*, with George Crumb's *In A Haunted Landscape* adding an American flavour.

Downes/Blake/ECO, King, Elizabeth Hall, tomorrow 7.45. Thea King is the soloist in the first performance of Howard Blake's *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra*, with the composer conducting. The other premiere is of the *Concerto Elegiac* by Anthony Halstead, horn-player as well as composer.

Sinopoli/Philharmonia, Festival Hall, tomorrow 7.30. The partnership of the sharply disciplined Sinopoli and the excitingly wilful Martha Argerich in Beethoven (due to be recorded too) should be spectacular. This time it is the piano concerto No. 15, which Sinopoli also conducts Bruckner's *Symphony No. 7*.

Reitay Collegium, Wigmore Hall, Saturday 7.45. Reitay and his chamber forces concentrate on three works for choir and orchestra by Poulenc: *Schercesse*, sept repons des tenebres and the *Stabat Mater*.

Meneses/Ortiz, Elizabeth Hall, Monday 7.45. Cristóbal Ortiz, the Brazilian pianist who has made her home here, accompanies her compatriot, the cellist Antonio Meneses, in a finely romantic programme of Chopin, Mendelssohn's *In D*, Chopin's *In D*, and Brahms.

ST JOHN'S

Hugo Cole

Sounds Spectacular

NOT SO much sounds spectacular as sounds reflective and introspective in the first part of three linked concerts of electronic music, given on Sunday as part of the American Festival. Possibly too, sounds satirical — the short opening piece of tape music by Reynold Weidenaar, with brass and tuba fanfares set against abrasive grunts and crashes from the tape.

Then come two very civilised concertos: *Synthesia* No. 8 by Davidovsky, one of the fathers of electronic music, which had tape discreetly chiming in with piano (Philip Mead). The material was plain and unpretentious, the mood detached and academic; electronics on its best behaviour, proving its serious intentions.

John Cbowning's *Stria* took us in to a world of passive sounds without forward or backward edges. Luminous clouds of variable transparency merged into one another. One could sense much care and discrimination behind the planning of these gentle sounds, never claiming attention or making a definite musical statement. The thunder of St John's held more promise of drama.

Rolf Gehlbarr's *Soluses*, for cello with echoes of itself generated by tape-delay, and James Fulkerson's *Elective Affinities* for cello, trombone and tape, with many transformations of live sounds, convincingly demonstrated ways in which sounds can be worked up into grand and overpowering works in which the personalities of the live performers are not submerged by electronics.

Fulkerson was at his best in his wilder moods: each of the outer movements contained long build-ups, in which the music continued to gain in density and volume into which the conventional listener could weave

memories of Stravinsky, Ravel, and of the electronic sections of certain kinds of Indian music.

Electronic music is no longer the barely aggressive force it once was considered to be. In many of the 15 works performed, electronics were very much in the background. In Morton Subotnick's *Parallel Lines* for piccolo and chamber group, the effect of the "undulating chant-like warble" moving back and forth from side to side was never apparent.

But not even the most ingenious use of electronics could have saved this piece, crassly scored and written for the solo piccolo in a style that made the very least of the instrument's potential, giving Kathryn Lines no opportunities to show her true mettle.

In David Wessell's *Go Where?*, a very quiet piece for metal bowls and stones bars, and Paul Epstein's *Palimpsest* for mixed ensemble, one might have thought one was listening to untreated sounds.

Tape-delay effects need to be used with as much discretion as pedals and ostinatos in orthodox music if they are not to become tiresome. In Ingrid Marshall's *Fog Tropes*, the processed music of brass sizzled got in the way of the more intriguing sound montage based on foghorns and other sea sounds from San Francisco Bay. When the brass harmonies thickened up as at the opening of Wagner's *Ring*, the character of the piece was lost, together with the sounds of the foghorns.

Bizarre but also effective was a sort of double concerto for violin, with orthodox ensemble and mandolin with computer-tape orchestra, the mandolin played by the composer, David Jaffe, and violin by Elizabeth Perry. There was little interaction between soloists (it is hard to imagine how they could have interacted) but the music for live instruments was eloquent and idiomatic, while the mandolin's interventions produced an interesting emotional effect. Almost as though a being from another planet was earnestly trying to establish contact.

The technical side of things was well looked after by Barry Anderson and his



Sting: Crusading West Square associates, without any of the hitches that are so common at electronic concerts.

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Aidan White

Christy Moore

CHRISTY MOORE, for many years Ireland's best-kept secret, is now established as one of the most influential and entertaining singers on either side of the Irish Sea. Twenty years ago he was essentially a balladeer, but these days, in tune with the political climate, he adds conviction and credibility to the sentimentality of the folk singer.

He walked on to the Festival Hall stage to an ovation and immediately increased the volume of response. With his sensual voice and delicate guitar, he immediately created a dynamic atmosphere, producing three of the best songs from his most recent album including the title number, *Ride On*, and *Vive La Quinta Brigada*, a tribute to Ireland's own Spanish Civil War dead.

From there he led the ever-noddy audience through a powerful repertoire which,

on British soil at least, tends towards political defiance, loudly displayed in *Hiroshima/Nagasaki* Russian Roulette, *El Salvador* and *Hey Ronnie Reagan*.

Moore is heavily Republican — a mile too green, perhaps, for some Irish men and women — but he feels greatly the sense of injustice in Irish history, particularly the suffering of the emigrant generations, as in the wistful *City of Chicago* and *I Wish I Were Back Home* in Derry, written by recent MP, and *tyr and hunger strike victim Bobby Sands*.

He spoke too for the drunken-in the delightful *Deterium Tremens*, where the stage lighting failed him, and for the worker in *I'm An Ordinary Man*, a tune he picked up in Grimsby, he said, when the gigs were smaller but the crack was just as great.

There was not much here to remind us of the traditional music from his earlier days with Planxty, although *The Well Below The Valley* and *The Cliffs of Doneen* were charming exceptions.

Instead, Moore's solo career continues in the direction he took with *Moving Hearts*, landing his heroes — notably James Connolly and Bobby Sands — on this occasion — and exhorting his enemies: Thatcher, the Pope, Enoch Powell, Tridentine Mass, SPUC. Even poor old Rhodes Boyson got a mention here. And it may take him a long way yet.

But for the moment he was clearly glad to be back in Derrydown as he called it — and at the end of a breathless evening, though his PA system went on the blink, the 2,500-strong audience were still bitterly reluctant to let him go.

POMPIDOU CENTRE

Adam Sweeting

The Police in Paris

JOURNALISTS from all over Europe flew in to attend Sting's blatantly stage-managed press conference at the

with The Police. More evidence, presumably, from the album.

IPSWICH

Jill Burrows

Streetcar

NOT FOR the first time this season, the Wolsey has a stunning set that fills the stage and transforms the theatre without dominating the performance. For *Streetcar*, David Knapman has created a light transparent structure that manages to suggest urban decay and overcrowding yet still looks like a not unpleasant place to live.

In other words we're seeing it through Stella's eyes not Blanche's. And it is Joan Moon's fine and understated performance as Stella that is the fulcrum of Jane Collins's production. Blanche says that funerals are quiet compared to death. Where Blanche's disintegration is like a death, Stella's is like a funeral: she dwindles quietly into ordinariness and unhappiness.

But it is Blanche's play and God's gift to an actress. Eva Lohman deals with it intelligently, concentrating on the different forms Blanche's fastidiousness takes, from the famed coyness to the pathological reluctance to touch anything in Stanley's home except the whisky bottle. In weakness she's interesting and in total collapse riveting. What is missing is a sense of what the magnolia was like in full bloom, of Blanche riding the crest of her narcissistic ways.

William Armstrong plays Stanley like a caged animal carrying his cage around with him, bent bars and all. He builds up a terrific tension before the explosions; you can all but feel the vein pulsing in his temple. He and Joan Moon create a considerable erotic charge, and cope responsibly and with psychological accuracy with the suggestion that being beaten up is a turn-on, making it clear that it's the remorse and desperation that excites and not the violence itself.

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A battering for the gatekeeper

Yesterday, not for the first time, the United Kingdom's immigration policies were ruled out of order by the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg. And not for the last time, either, judging by this country's parsimonious record of compliance with previous Strasbourg rulings. It has taken very nearly five years for one of the three women who brought the case to win the right to live legally in this country with her husband. Now it could be weeks, if not months more, before the Home Office makes whatever limited changes in the immigration rules it thinks it can get away with after yesterday's judgment. And even when it does so, there is every indication that the Home Office will take its lead from the shamelessly unapologetic tone adopted yesterday by the immigration minister, Mr David Waddington, and will try to place new restrictions on the immigration of foreign husbands of British women, to replace the rules that Strasbourg has knocked down.

Yesterday's decision was the latest climax in a shoddy 17-year story of discrimination against British women, mainly Asians, who want to live in this country with their foreign born husbands or to be joined here by their foreign born fiancés. Save for a brief period in the mid-1970s when Mr Alex Lyon was in charge of immigration policy, it has been a tale of successive governments of all parties trying to get away with as few concessions as possible to these women. Successive Home Secretaries, starting with Mr James Callaghan in 1968, have viewed with alarm any settlement in this country of economically active Asian men, whether or not such men have any legal or moral claim to live here. That was the aim of Mr Marilyn Rees's turn of the screw in 1978, and of Mr William Whitelaw's 1980 clampdown. It was still the underlying concern in 1983 when Mr Whitelaw, in anticipation of the Strasbourg ruling, tried to loosen the controls in line with the 1981 Nationality Act. And, as Mr

Waddington made quite clear yesterday, that is still the policy. "Men come here to seek work," Mr Waddington said on *The World At One*. It would be "illogical" to allow them to come here "to found new families."

Those are hardly the words of a representative of a government which says that all laws must always be obeyed without question. They are the words of a man who will spend the next weeks locked with his officials trying to find the most restrictive available form of compliance with the European Court; and a man who will do so, alas, knowing that such law avoidance is electorally popular. The Strasbourg court found against the United Kingdom on sex discrimination grounds. This will undoubtedly tempt the Home Office to draft changes in the immigration rules which place married men and women in this country on the same footing but which continue to impose tight prohibitions on the immigration of any spouse or fiancé(e) who might go on the labour market. Some will be found of avoiding the manifest unfairness of continuing to deny entry to the husbands of the women who have taken the UK to Strasbourg. But that will be all. The recent High Court ruling in the case of Mr Vinod Bhatia has provided the Government with the get-out (until perhaps it is overruled in Europe) that a foreign husband can be denied entry if the "primary purpose" of his marriage is deemed to be settlement in this country. Apply that test to foreign wives too, and the ground is laid for new rules which could be more, not less, restrictive than the existing sex discriminatory provisions. That would be a horrendously wrong policy to adopt. But it would be slap bang in line with every previous Home Office squirm to keep Asian men out — and with Mr Waddington's instinctive attempt to circumvent yesterday's Strasbourg judgment.

The Tamils at the gate

Here — shades of the hysteria about Ugandan Asians — we go again. A nation which can open its doors to Vietnamese boat people and its purses to Ethiopian refugees, is, suddenly, all uptight about tidal waves of Tamils from Sri Lanka. The

headlines rattle on about phoney refugees "flooding in." There will, we read, be no open door "for self-styled and probably self-seeking 'refugees' from Sri Lanka. Even so, it is said, abandoned military bases and disused hospitals may have to be opened up to handle the latest peacetime invasion."

According to international conventions and protocols, to which this country is party, a refugee is a person with a "well founded fear of being persecuted" at home. Recent events in Sri Lanka suggest that the Tamil minority has well-founded reason to fear both persecution from the mob and the supposedly unauthorised activities of the army. The government of Sri Lanka insists that it is not encouraging atrocities and that may well be so. But it has little relevance to the question of refugee status. If Tamils are fleeing from atrocities committed by an army which tends to run out of control then they are as much refugees in international law as if they were fleeing from a government sponsored final solution. Further, it matters nothing in law if Tamil terrorists sustain the appalling rounds of tit-for-tat killings. A well founded fear of reprisal is enough.

Enough, that is, to establish refugee status. But that status does not automatically allow asylum or right of residence in this country. What it does mean is that the nation at the receiving end has a duty to work out with the UN commissioner for refugees where best to send them. It will not accept but who are in genuine fear of persecution back home. What would no longer be possible is the recently introduced and utterly inhuman practice of allowing a mere 24 hours for appeal against deportation and then packing the losers off to the tender mercies of the folks from whence they fled.

There are good and bad reasons for not wanting to grant blanket refugee status to Sri Lankan Tamils. The worst is that we have embarrassing residual responsibilities to the Tamils, going back to independence in 1947, when we promised to sort out their citizenship worries and failed to deliver. If Tamils do become a refugee race then a lot could reasonably seek asylum here. Almost as bad is the Foreign Office fear that we might upset the erratic rulers of Sri Lanka by suggesting that theirs is a state which generates refugees. More honourable is the suspicion that, if so provoked by institution-

alised international opinion, the government of Sri Lanka might encourage a once-for-all exodus of a difficult to assimilate minority. Tamils have lived in Sri Lanka for several hundred years. The object today must be to find a solution which allows them to continue there "without well-founded fears," not to scatter them around the globe.

What then should Britain do? First, recognise as refugees those who fit common-sense definitions — and then take in a fair number. (Stress, here and now, that refugees go home when things are sorted out.) Negotiate with the UN about what happens to the rest. Insist that India accepts some minimal responsibility for its own kith and kin — especially those with Indian passports. Insist further that India aid to the terrorist Tamil Tigers cease forthwith. Tell Sri Lanka that the aid that will be turned off, completely, if the killings continue. But the one thing this Government should not do is to play along with an artificial "swamping" scare, which restricts its own domestic freedom of action, damages prospects for the Tamils and, once again, erodes our international credibility.

A king seeking possibilities

King Hussein's meeting with President Reagan today would have been of more than routine importance even without the marvellous events in Beirut for its backdrop. But those events have brought to one focal point all the long-range questions about the Palestinian people. Have they or have they not a future in their own country instead of in the ghettos which have outlived their names as refugee camps? If they have, then who is going to help them to secure it, since they are unable to do that themselves? How can the existence of a Palestinian homeland outside Israel's control be made consistent with Israel's security?

The questions have come to the top of the international agenda at roughly annual intervals since 1967, but in 1982 Mr Reagan, putting forward his proposal for a Palestine linked with Jordan, said they could wait no longer. Since then further large changes have overtaken the Middle East. Israel has retreated rather than simply withdrawn from its Lebanese involvements; the main-

stream PLO has put realistic limits to its ambitions; King Hussein, though realising that only the PLO can speak for the Palestinians, has increasingly done so himself under licence from Mr Yasser Arafat.

The King has a tricky relationship with Washington, which obliges him every so often to flirt with Moscow to impress on so much the Administration as the inviolable. He periodically calls for a settlement of both super-powers in securing a Palestinian settlement. Yet in the end, it seems to feel that there is still hope of a determined US attempt to deliver the Palestinians if he can deliver the PLO.

His chief difficulty, and that of anyone else like President Mubarak or King Fahd who tries to bring home to Washington the necessity of following up the Reagan initiative, is the half-nelson in which the Zionist lobby holds the Congress. This creates an exceptional situation in relations between states because it means that in matters of any significance Israeli policy has to be US policy.

Whether or not the Israeli Government should deal with the PLO is a matter entirely within its competence, and indeed anyone can recognise cogent reasons why it does not do so. What is not within Israeli competence is the foreign policy of the US. It must be clear to Secretary Shultz and Assistant Secretary Murphy, after their recent forays into the region, that it will be almost impossible to make any headway by dealing with the PLO's surrogates instead of with the PLO itself. The PLO's recognition of Israel should be a question for settlement by negotiation with it, not the pre-condition for negotiations of any kind. The organisation is itself in a fairly constant state of internal upheaval, but the one thing which would ensure the removal of the moderates among its leaders would be for them to give up their best bargaining card prematurely.

The "association with Jordan" which the Reagan plan visualised has come to be seen as the best option open, if not the only one. King Hussein will be on strong ground in pointing that out to the President. But the plan exists so far only as an object d'art to show to visitors. If it is intended to be functional as well, the US needs to talk to the people who can make it work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How views on the Special Branch were covered up

Sir—Your "Whitewash in a bucket" (May 22) on the Common Home Affairs Select Committee report on the Special Branch might have been better headed "Cover-up" because that is precisely what the majority party on the committee have done. The GLC, in common with the National Union of Seamen, provided the committee with evidence of Special Branch involvement in political policing which clearly breach the guidelines under which it operates. In common with the report on "Political policing in Wales," we were written out of the select committee script.

Why? Quite simply because our analysis of the Special Branch differs from that cosily adopted by a committee's majority party which, having taken the adventurous decision to "investigate" the role and accountability of the Special Branch, denied itself the means of finding out exactly how it operates.

That the committee produced a "whitewash" therefore comes as no surprise. There is ample evidence of unaccountable Special Branch activities which lead it to open people's mail, tap phones, snoop and harass organisations simply because, as part of the state, it finds their political views unacceptable.

The committee could have investigated this activity; it could have commissioned research; it could have called key witnesses like Jim Slater of the NUS or Cathy Massiter, the former MIS officer, or members of CND

who have experienced surveillance. It could also have asked Special Branch officers to describe their work.

Instead the committee decided to hide behind the cloak of "national security" because it feared what it might find.

The GLC would have said that the Special Branch should be disbanded, its functions of combating terrorism and espionage are legitimate, but such activities can easily rest with anti-terrorist squad and specialist forces CND. Much Special Branch work is in any event carried out by MIS (which itself requires investigation). The central objections to the Special Branch—and MIS—are its role in investigating "subversives," and the now overt existence of a political police force. Lord Denning said a "subversive" was someone who "would overthrow or contemplate the overthrow of government by unlawful means." But the recent Home Secretary last year leaves all form of political activity open to surveillance.

John Alderson says that as much as 40 per cent of the material held by his Special Branch officers is irrelevant and little-tattle. On the basis of similar evidence the federal government in South Australia decided to disband its special branch after a judicial inquiry. No less an inquiry by the select committee would have been consistent in a democracy. Yours faithfully, Tony Bunyan, GLC Police Committee Support Unit, London SE1.

Scandal of the new Holloway that never was

Sir—I am sickened by your latest report (May 22) on the conditions of women prisoners in the psychiatric wing at Holloway, and that it has been necessary for a teacher to resign her job in order to draw attention to their plight.

These facts have been known to myself and my colleagues for several years. Some time ago I supervised postgraduate art therapy students who tried to conduct individual and group art therapy with women on this wing.

We were horrified by the extent of self-mutilation among them, and in 1976 two students prepared a detailed and sensitive account of this problem in the form of case studies which we wanted to publish in a student book, *Approaches to Art Therapy*. We were refused permission by the then governor. Eventually we ceased sending students to Holloway.

We had hoped that the "new Holloway" would live up to its promise and provide a "therapeutic environment"; but it soon became obvious that, through abysmal shortage of cash leading to the lack of staff trained as therapists, the new prison was in many ways worse than the old.

To give an example it was usual for up to 40 women in the psychiatric wing to be together in one activities room, with one art therapist paid on an aide's salary, and a few prison officers. There was little possibility for small-group or individual work, even though many of the women were extremely emotionally disturbed.

The scandal of the psychiatric wing has been going on for years, with the full knowledge of the prison staff and presumably of the Home Office. As a result, many of the women are probably now so extremely damaged that there is little chance of them leading any kind of reasonable life when they leave prison. They are most unlikely to be able to afford the intensive one-to-one therapy that might help them, and even less likely to discover it on the NHS.

It seems it is not necessary to go beyond our own frontiers to find examples of abuse of human rights and censorship. No wonder these conditions were "official secrets" for so long. Yours sincerely, Diane Waller, 13 Northwood Road, London, N6.

Sir—I write to support Piers Stevenson (Guardian, May 25) and all those campaigning for the immediate closure of C1, the psychiatric wing in Holloway prison. I spent three months as a student social worker at Holloway and found myself alternately shocked, angered, and frightened by what I saw.

The smell on C1 hits you first. Pungent, choking, thick; a clinging assault on the nostrils. Next the cries reverberating along tunnel corridors, shouting and screams, banging and wailing. Pale, wide-eyed faces, disoriented and vaguely inquisitive protrude from hatches in cell doors. When I said Hello, people thanked me.

Often distraught, always alone these women sit in cells for 23½ hours out of 24. They have nothing to do. No television, no radio. Books, papers and pens are always difficult to procure. Skills training and education are rare treats. Bringing in magazines for prisoners was frowned on as preferential treatment.

They have nothing to do and grim nothingness stretches into days, weeks, months. The banging is head-banging: women testing whether they can still feel. Cells are grey and dirty. Plaster is gouged out of walls with finger nails. Windows are almost opaque with dirt. Surfaces become strewn with food and shit.

One client's mattress was removed as a punishment for flooding her cell. For two nights she cried on the floor, having lost the only possession she'd had for more than 10 weeks. Another time, cut down from an attempt to hang herself, she was half-nelsonled on to the binocular and left to comfort herself.

This supposedly psychiatric wing keeps no records of women's weights, menstruation, sleeping patterns, or general health. Drugs are perhaps overused, dispensed but there is no psychiatrist attached to the prison full-time, and nurses do not require to be trained in mental health. Sadly, even the most sympathetic prison officers learn to become brutalised in order to survive.

Increasing the number of staff will not solve the problem. The women on C1 should not be there. The conditions would not be tolerated in European prisons. PoW camps, even in dog kennels.

In 1983 the Government introduced legislation requiring local authorities to provide secure accommodation in psychiatric hospitals. So far the silence has been deafening.

Fourteen new prisons by 1991, Mr Brittan? Give us one secure psychiatric hospital. Yours faithfully, Kate MacLachlan, Social Work Department, Aberdeen University.

London can therefore only be welcomed. — Yours, etc, Gavin Stamp, 1 St Chad's Street, London WC1.

Sir—I was going to write to Peter Palumbo, commissioner, about the failure of his Mies van der Rohe scheme in London and suggesting he try a new town, such as Milton Keynes. Then my attention was drawn to Martin Pawley's article in which he makes some odd allegations about Ecology Party-built environment policy.

The Ecology Party's main criterion for a good building new or old is that it has "minimal dependence on external energy sources" i.e. be well-insulated and not "on agricultural land." The Mansion House Square project is safe on the second count.

Perhaps someone will tell how well-insulated was der Rohe's scheme, or was.

There are as many ecological winners in Milton Keynes today as there are ecological losers in narrow, run-down city-centre streets.

Martin Pawley is unaware that there are differences between conservationists, environmentalists, and ecologists. It is unfortunate that he should vent his disappointment, anger and frustration on "us" when what has stopped Palumbo's plan is a backlash caused by general dissatisfaction with badly designed modern eyegores up and down Britain, many of which are unusable for any purpose. — Yours sincerely, Linda M. Hendry, (Ecology Party Council Co-chair), Edinburgh.

By all means let's encourage a reduction in the rate of tape but please, Mr Taylor, don't criticise one of the few rural industries in the country which is trying to expand its services in much more imaginative and useful ways than the Raj ever did. (Dr) Rosemary Lamb, Community Council of Northumberland, Morpeth.

Cold turkey for the Customs

Sir—Welcome as the Commons Home Affairs Committee recommendation on legislation to chase the profits of drug crime is (Guardian, May 24) the rest of the recommendations are pure hysteria.

Sir Edward Gardner and his colleagues would be better employed concentrating on measures designed to increase the likelihood of actually being caught smuggling, or dealing, than on promises of draconian sentences. The likeliest effect of life sentences will be to increase the dangers to law-enforcement officers without significantly increasing deterrence.

It would also be more appropriate for the committee to give some thought to why this problem exists in the first place. Perhaps it is not unconnected with three million-plus on the dole, poor housing, worsening social conditions in our cities—and no end in sight?

If the committee wishes to make a practical "law'n order" recommendation, however, it should try asking ministers why Government policy towards Civil Service manpower has meant that the 180 extra Customs posts promised by Kenneth Clarke at the Tory Party conference have been quietly clawed back?

Or why the Customs unions claim for 500 extra staff—to make good some of the 1,000 cuts since 1978—is ignored?

Or are the canons of monetarism too sacred for Sir Edward and his colleagues to criticise? — Bob And, New Mills, Cheshire.

The numbers involved closely took the authorities by surprise. Processing of arrested women began between 4pm and 5pm and was completed about 5.30am on Sunday. Extra Thames Valley police were brought in on overtime duty to "guard" and escort us in vans to police cells as far away as Oxford and Windsor. Space was clearly at a premium. — Yours sincerely, M. Higgins, c/o Orange Gate, Newbury, Berkshire.

Plaid out!

Sir—Gwynfor Evans in his extraordinary attack on Neil Kinnock (Letters, May 22), typically does his best to cover up the facts with as much sentimental romantic nonsense as he can muster.

The truth is that Neil Kinnock campaigned successfully for the Welsh people to be allowed to decide, through a referendum, whether there should be a Welsh assembly as proposed.

What really upsets Gwynfor Evans and his associates in Plaid Cymru is the result of the referendum, which rejected the assembly by a massive 61 majority. This destroyed his party's credibility and emphasised the fact that Welsh people see their future firmly as part of the United Kingdom.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: "In 1982/3 the Oxfordshire branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England launched a number of projects, one of which was the Charlbury Hedge Survey. The intention was to use a 1959 map of the parish as a basis for comparison with present field patterns. Results were then checked against known historical data in order to estimate the age and importance of the more significant hedges." So runs the introduction to the publication by the CPRE, Oxfordshire Branch (Sandford Mount, Charlbury, Oxford OX7 3TL) of *Hedges in the Countryside* (£1.50 plus 50p postage). Don Porter and Alan Spicer have produced splendid large pages, of which six are of maps and histograms which will be of great interest not only to locals like myself but also to a much wider readership. The urgency of preserving hedges cannot be overstated. Our parish now has only 20 per

cent of the hedges or boundaries shown on the 1889 map, and at least two hedges were ripped out while this work was being printed. The oldest of our local hedges, now mere fragments of ancient pre-Norman boundaries, are probably still where they were about 1,000 years ago, but the matter, about 50 per cent, fall in the 400 to 600-year-old range. The rule-of-thumb method of assessing the age of a hedge — a century for every species of tree or shrub in an average 30 metre stretch — seems remarkably accurate when tested against documentary evidence. But I must register a caveat. A hedge near my house, judged by this criterion, should be about 400 years-old because any four out of hawthorn, blackthorn, elder, sycamore, yew, crab-apple, or dogrose may be found in the critical length. But I know that about 50 years ago this field boundary was no hedge, but a drystone wall.

W. D. CAMPBELL

Sir—Roy Enfield's note (Letters, May 23) is quite inhumanly quaint in its logical positivism. It is also literally mundane and rather a fine example of why "speculative philosophy" — let's call it

— is beyond even the endlessly self-generating terms of, say, academic sociology. — Yours faithfully, Stephen Oldfield, Todmorden, W. Yorkshire.

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Today's teenagers — tomorrow's naggers? (Picture by Martin Argles.)

For thirty years, teenagers have made the running in everything from morality to merchandising. But what will happen as their numbers dramatically decline? John Cunningham explores their uncertain future — and the wide-reaching consequences for the people who make the social policies as well as those who make the products.

The outnumbered generation

TEENAGERS first appeared in the 1950s as magically as the genie when the lamp is rubbed. A loud hiss from a chrome Gaggia espresso machine in a Soho coffee bar was followed by an escalation of steam. When the cloud evaporated, London was filled with glided youth, with money to shower on the sounds and styles created specially for them.

This had never happened to so many at so young an age in British society before. Marketing men might have sharpened teenagers' self-identity, but they didn't invent them. They were there, bulging in the columns of the population statistics, as the post-war baby boom faded.

For 30 years — a generation's span — they have made the running in everything from morality to merchandising. They've got through fads and fashions, enduringly, they are the Levi and Cola generation. But now, in the very year that their tribal drink is changing its formula — watch for the new Coca Cola — their numbers are declining. After the golden decades, their futures are as uncertain as that of the elderly who, ironically, are surviving in bigger numbers into their eighth and ninth decades.

If they're unlucky, society will dismiss them as Naggers. In the same way it used to write off the old as Codgers. Researchers are playing hunches about the effects of the fall in numbers. Nobody really knows, but they are working on the same set of statistical data from the Office of Population, Census and Surveys.

The basis is the last census, and the projections of the

OPCS for the next decade. In 1980, youngsters between 13 and 19 made up 11.5 per cent of the total population of Britain. By this year, it will fall to 10.59 per cent; and by 1994, they will represent 8.31 per cent. In 1985, there will be the slightest of up-turns, when the figure will be 8.33 per cent.

In 1980, there were 6.3 million teenagers; in 1994, there will be 4.6 million. Thus the drop over the decade will be slightly over 25 per cent. In the same period, the number of young adults between 20 and 24 will fall by 300,000 to 3.9 million — a reduction of 18 per cent. There will be a mini baby boom, it is forecast, so from 1986, the UK population virtually stable for a decade — will go up very slightly.

There will be important consequences for governments, in their economic and social policies; to employers, and to the leisure and service industries, particularly. So far, there are few signs that central government departments are taking account of the population shift. The exception is education: the fall in numbers is now affecting sixth forms. Typical is the situation in Bath, where the debate centred on which of the city's five secondary schools should lose their sixth forms. The compromise reached was to combine all the A level intake in one sixth-form college.

Thus, at a simple level, a drop in numbers of teenagers means an over-provision of services.

There are going to be similar decisions to be faced in other social policy fields: if there are fewer teenagers committing fewer crimes, what correlation does not neces-

sarily follow, of course) there will be fewer probation officers, social workers and community homes needed for them. Half the abortions in Britain involve women between 16 and 24; will we need fewer facilities for terminations; fewer intensive care units for teenagers involved in serious car and motorbike accidents? Fewer places on Youth Training Programmes?

Though these are details, they have huge capital and revenue implications for central and local government. Similarly, in the commercial sector, investment decisions about products and services will be affected as that age sector shrinks. But all attempts, whether by statisticians or market men playing hunches, to anticipate the future needs of Britain's teenagers will be frustrated because no age group receives other than rough justice from the public and private sectors.

All groups, whether age, sex or ethnicity is their common factor, are bidding against each other for enhanced economic status. Till the recession came along, teenagers as a group were probably doing disproportionately well — there is no precise equity in society — but a large chunk of the consumer market lay at their feet: real jobs and higher education beckoned.

Consequently, teenagers have had a high profile; the world has been tilting their way rather than towards the unglamorous end of age. However, compared with teenagers, OAPs don't have a voice, and the world is in tune with family life.

sions are abolished by the Government. However, the same economic cuts that affect the old, and the decline in their numbers, are now weakening the bargaining position of the young.

There are signs of this on several fronts, though as yet there is no comprehensive picture. Several experts note that more young people are leaving their parents' homes at a later age; the economic independence which, just a few years ago, they could count on is no longer there automatically. Couples are marrying later, too.

In some sense, the young are not following the expected pattern: if work is hard to find, the expectation is that they would emigrate, either regionally within Britain, or leave the country altogether. This is not happening here.

The news is not all bad, of course. For while getting a job is a more up-front consideration than rates of pay, there will be fewer school leavers competing for such work as there is.

Colin Bowring, head of research with the advertising giant, McCann Erickson, says his agency's surveys show that "life has become a bit more serious for teenagers than it was in the early seventies. It's hard to wind them up to a spirit of revolt. Now they're more concerned about jobs. Bowring recently showed a 1970s commercial for Levi jeans to a group of teenagers. Ten years ago, with its images of independence, and the jagged, hit Route 66 as the soundtrack, the advert caught the teen mood completely. "Now the viewers were uncomfortable and bored with it," says Bowring. "They were more in tune with family life."

The big erosion of status at 16 plus comes with the substitution of the Youth Training Allowance for a real wage: more subtle is the shift in fashion. Aggression is downplayed; and there is a bankruptcy of a main style. Punk has been around now for the best part of a decade. It has had to remodel itself to become this rather than sharp. Clothing manufacturers have already downgraded the 13s to 19s. Hepworth's and Burtons concentrate in their new shops on the 25 to 30 age range.

Several trends, some of them in part countering the effects of others, are in operation. Logically, a drop of 25 per cent in the number of 13s to 19s over the next decade, should mean a reduction in certain categories of crime, and therefore an over-provision of resources. But concurrent with the demographic change, new ways of disposing of young offenders, and broad changes away from residential care for many types of social work / probation client are in play.

Still, there are some changes which are attributable to a fall in numbers. Norman Tutt, Professor of Social Administration at Lancaster University, cites two examples, where he has been personally involved as a consultant. Over four years, there has been a 25 per cent drop in young people coming before magistrates in Stockport.

The move away from residential care has had a dramatic consequence in Leicester. Community homes with education have been shut down, and the move to large scale re-employment

of staff. The decline in numbers is a growing factor, influencing the type of provision made. The predictions will mean some upheaval for staff.

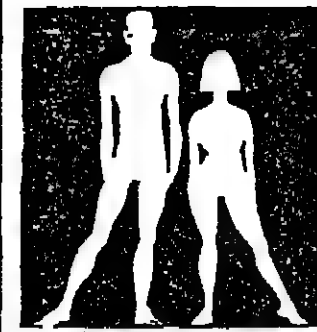
Professor Tutt reckons that what he has observed in Stockport and Leicester is typical of other areas. He notes that, in the case of a smaller number of young offenders in Stockport, "it sets up conflict between service providers. In effect, police, probation and social work staff are bidding for clients in front of magistrates, because there is an over-provision of services."

The broader result, nationally, will probably be muddled and tension, if more categories of offences are criminalised, a trend which David Jenkins, director of the Howard League, would like to see, even fewer custodial places would be needed for the young. The probation service is already vague about its general direction, he maintains. "Are probation officers custodians of law in the community, or aids to their clients?"

Professor Tutt speculates that there could be conflict between teenagers and the elderly as the numbers-based battle for resources gets underway. David Jenkins wonders if as their numbers shrink, the young will become less visible, as society begins to tilt away for them.

These are the questions the policy-makers as well as the product-makers need to be answering. The irony is that the young, like the old, have little part in the economic future that society is going to mete out to them.

Learning to live without a job



BODY AND SOUL

THERE is a man in Newcastle upon Tyne who likes to kick off his jeans occasionally and dress formally. He has three suits, one for going out to theatre or restaurant (rarely these days), one for his Sunday visit to church, and the third for collecting his dole money.

He is in his late twenties and since he joined the unemployed he has turned night into day, devouring non-fiction books until the early hours of the morning, picking up on many subjects that passed him by while he was a commercially working man.

He rises at about four in the afternoon in time for children's television, and then does a little housework before setting about his books. He has given up going to the pub, club and sauna and his wife quite likes the idea. She works the domestic day shift without her man clattering the house.

For him, donning the third suit and leaving home for his state handout every two weeks is quite an occasion. Although he is on a diminished income, he sees no future in work in the traditional sense. But he does not regard the future as bleak. He is not depressed and concentrates on putting his life into the grooves along with his wife's to run.

Empirical studies of unemployment rightly hammer away at its depressive effects on up to 60 per cent of those out of work. The trouble is, however, that in crunching data down to statistical levels of significance, a lot of babies go out with the bath water — including people like the night reader from Tyneside who belong to the fairly large minority who have thought through their situations and are coping.

What gets lost is the gut feelings of the jobless, the essence of the reaction to a dramatic change of living. This is the qualitative aspect of research which was once leashed to computers. It is now emerging as an essential form of inquiry, providing insights hidden from statistical analysis and sometimes suggesting explanations.

Night-reader belongs to a group of long-term unemployed men being studied by Judith Sixsmith, a doctorate student of psychology at Surrey University. She is working with more than 30 of them, aged between 25 and 60; they have either been made redundant or, in a few cases, have said that enough is enough and quit work in spite of the lack of the alternative jobs on Tyneside.

Her approach consists of a series of in-depth interviews with the men and then their families which culminates in

relating their actions and thoughts to their environments, from domestic to community life. Over the last two years, this method has uncovered glimpses of the infrastructure of the unemployed community that might well be missed by more formally structured questionnaire surveys.

For a start, the non-depressed unemployed, with few exceptions, do not stay in bed in the mornings. Although sometimes they retire early in their conscientious efforts to stay within their slender incomes.

One man in his forties and his wife, for instance, go to bed at 7.30 and watch television, burning only one small light and no heating. She has a job as a canteen assistant for two hours a day and it was she who approved of his decision to give up working in industry after nearly 30 years. He was glad to "do his bit" as Ms Sixsmith puts it, when his children were young but now that they have grown up and left home he has fashioned a completely different world for himself.

"It is the world of the sun, a daytime world in which he walks his dogs and thoroughly enjoys himself. Unemployment has changed his assumptive world as well as his active world," Ms Sixsmith said. An entry in his diary which he keeps for the research project reads: "Got up early, pottered around the house. Went to sign on the dole, came home. Went out again. Met son and had a coffee with him. Had a sauna and came home. Tea. Bed at 7.30. Watched TV."

There have been some role reversals. The men, forsaking their traditional and, on Tyneside, pronounced images as breadwinners, have taken on other household tasks, beyond do-it-yourself tasks, decorating and gardening. These include dusting, tidying and preparing the main meal. But none does any housework after 5pm because as they see it, that is the end of their working day.

This reminder of the behavioural conditioning of former jobless employment keeps their women alert to the possibility of psychological deterioration in the men who are monitored carefully, and sometimes anxiously.

"They tell me 'it is not my husband to be sitting around like this.' But they do not question them and very few think that their husbands are not trying hard enough to find work," Ms Sixsmith said.

There have been casualties. "Sometimes people do not get on very well. I have one family that has split up and the husband says that this is the direct result of unemployment, particularly the lack of money. I have not yet talked to the wife."

This research, with its much deeper penetration of emotional levels and restated perceptions, is beginning to highlight the differences between the passive and the active personalities of unemployed people, fleshing out and making even more powerful the already impressive empirical studies.

The active people with their guts and ingenuity seem to be at less risk than the more passive whose worlds tend to implode.

"The active," Ms Sixsmith said, "are making a good job of being jobless."

To encourage charities to think of new uses for computers, Society Tomorrow and Digital Equipment, the world's second largest computer manufacturer, offered competitors ten microcomputer packages worth more than £40,000. Ian Wright reports on the entries and the winners.

The dragon that danced away with a prize

THERE were, it is true, a number of acceptances. "What charity would not give an arm and a small legacy for a decent computer? No more addressing envelopes." That was not what we were after. Nor to be fair to most of the 360 charities who entered this competition, was it what they said they wanted.

We asked for innovation. We looked for imagination. We kept in mind the benefit that a computer might bring and, with the technical help of Tony James, Digital Equipment's Sales Director, we asked: "Will the thing that's being proposed work?" We kept an eye on what Peter Jay, Chairman of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, called "substance practicality and computer practicality."

We were all struck by the number of entries and by the quality and the variety of the ideas. People had not just asked: "How will a computer make our work help?" Rather they had thought: "What can a computer help us to do that we would like to do but cannot do at the moment?"

Consider the Adept Trust, which exploits employment possibilities for the deaf. People, said the Trust, found it hard to frame simple business letters without correction. The trust wanted a computer to

provide an ever-ready library of letters for the use of people not confident of their literary or numerate skills.

The Newcastle Youth Enterprise Centre helps young people literally make their own jobs. It has to sort out many applicants to discover their bent and ability and it hasn't the manpower to cope. Anyway young people enjoy and are used to computer games. It thought that a computer could help discover aptitudes, trigger ideas and be a reservoir of information about self-employment in the North-east.

The British Association of Cancer Patients gives practical and emotional help to families as well as patients. It is an umbrella organisation based in London which now possesses a huge amount of information about cancer. A computer, said the association, could suddenly make a difference. Patients, families, and doctors could delve into its accumulated experience. Its ability to help could be vastly increased.

As we read these submissions, we were made increasingly aware of the great benefit people could gain, through charities, by access to computerised information. Charities, like everyone else, were only

on the brink of understanding computers' unique usefulness. Furthermore, although most people have grasped computers' ability to store and sort, to turn out reams of neat (and boring) looking prose, not many have begun to realise how those benefits will be increased when cheap computer terminals are attached to every telephone in the land.

That is when things will really open up. In the jargon, house-bound people will be able to "talk to" "data to" give and take information, communicate as they say "interactively." Charities (and everybody else's) accumulated knowledge will begin and end at home.

This interactive use of computers, even without telephone links, struck us as particularly attractive for organisations dealing with people. We liked the idea of the computers we were to award going to what Peter Jay called "the eventual beneficiary."

The Kent NSPCC came up with a bright idea, though one which may be tough to execute. They want to use a computer to simulate domestic situations; arguments will be invited to use the machine privately to assess and improve skills in managing their children. The Devon Centre for Further Education put forward an ambitious scheme to help people with severe speech impediments to generate intelligible conversation.

The Uroscopy Association wanted to use a computer for specialised education in another way. Many of their clients, they say, balk at discussing their condition even with the medically trained. An interactive education computer programme could help. It could make all the difference.

Digital, who first approached The Guardian



Manchester's dancing Chinese dragon — plus visiting junk. (Picture by Don McPhee.)

with the idea for this competition, have decided to increase the power of the computers which are going to the prize winners. Digital decided that many of the charities chosen would need that extra power — the Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre, to help people deal with problems of consumer debt; Grapevine, in providing a database to assist the young unemployed find work; the Manchester Chinese Culture and Community Centre, to assist in the activities of a widely spread community (they organise the biggest dragon dance in the West — surely the most original use for a computer suggested in the course of this competition).

The Open Spaces Society which is recording every common, village green and public open space in England will particularly benefit. For this project, Digital managed to find an eleven-thousand computer — one more than the 10 promised at the outset of the competition.

I don't think it's too portentous to say that real success will be judged in a couple of

years' time. Computers are not magical machines. Today's winning charities were selected because they proposed to use the computers with imagination and often in new ways. After they unpack the shiny hardware, read the manuals, plug in the printers, and think in greater detail about how they will use the machines, the real competition will begin.

THE WINNERS:
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Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham B19 3RL.
British Association of Cancer United Patients, 121 / 123 Chesham House Street, London EC1.
Chinese Education Culture and Community Centre, 72 George Street, Manchester 1.
Devon Centre for Further Education, Dartington College of Arts, Totnes, Devon.
Grapevine, Northallerton United Reform Church, 2 Normanby Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8RW.
Kent NSPCC, 114 Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 6DJ.
Newcastle Youth Enterprise Centre, 25 Low Friar Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
The Open Spaces Society, 25a Bell Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2BA.
Rushton Hall School, Rushton, near Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 1LR.
Uroscopy Association, 8 Coniston Close, Dane Bank, Denton, Manchester.

The competition judges were Peter Jay, chairman of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations; Tony James, Sales Director of Digital Equipment; and Ian Wright, managing editor of the Guardian.

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The London Industrial Strategy is a radical new policy for restructuring London's industrial core, being published by the GLC in June.

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We intend that the administration of the Education Department will become more school based than at present. This requires initiative in electronic data processing and in the development of administrative and management staff. If you feel you have the right skills and experience to meet this exciting challenge and would like to know more, please telephone: The Assistant Controller (Admin), David Tomlinson, on 01-653 5611, ext. 2306 from whom application forms can be obtained.

Application forms should be returned to the Assistant Controller (Admin), P.O. Box 22, Civic Centre, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2UN.

Harrow Education
an equal opportunity employer**SPENCER HOUSES**requires a
SECOND WORKER (DEPUTY)

Salary £7,524-£8,114 + 20% London Weighting

This voluntary organisation managing two houses in the Kilburn area provides semi-supervised accommodation (for up to one year) for young men and women aged 17-25 years.

The post is non-residential and (except in emergencies) involves working a 1-5 day, 25-hour week including two early evenings.

Spencer Houses is successful in accommodating people from a range of ethnic groups and we would therefore welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Please contact Alan or Elsie for further details and application form or Tel: 01-424 4005 or 01-425 5882. Closing date two weeks from date of publication. Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the project.

We are an Equal Opportunities Employer.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS****ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

£12,221 - £13,072 p.a. (including London Weighting) Pay Award Pending

Responsible for developing NFCO's work in Education & Training, Communications, Publications & Media work. Race and the involvement of ethnic minorities; Inner Cities; Employment, Community Enterprise & Volunteering. We are seeking applicants with managerial skills and sound experience in at least two of the above areas. Interviews will be held in London on 16 July 1985.

RACE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER(Post funded for 1 year initially)
£10,156 - £10,763 or £11,152 - £12,025 p.a. (including London Weighting)

To promote the involvement of ethnic minorities in NFCO and the wider community movement and develop the effectiveness of NFCO and its member organisations' response to the multi-racial aspects of our society. Previous experience of working with ethnic minority neighbourhood groups is required. It is hoped to hold interviews early in August.

Both these new appointments, based in London and with some travel nationally, will operate as part of a small friendly handworking team.

Application forms and further details from Lynne Hallett, Admin Officer, NFCO, 89 Upper Street, London N1 9PC. (01-226 6189).

Closing date for receipt of applications: 28 June 1985.

NFCO is an Equal Opportunities Employer

THE HOUNSLOW ASIAN WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

requires

1 CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR
(job sharer preferred)**1 DEVELOPMENT/OUTREACH WORKER**

Applicants should speak at least two of the following languages: Punjabi/Hindi/Urdu/Dujrati. These posts are GLC funded until March 1986.

For further details, please phone: 01-572 2484 or write to: The Secretary, HAWCC, 4 Kingswood Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex.

Closing date 11th June 1985.

HAWCC is an equal opportunities employer.

Oxfam requires
Field Director for Kenya

to further develop an ongoing programme of support for local groups in health, agricultural and social developments throughout the country. The postholder will have extensive field experience, preferably in this region, with knowledge of or facility for Swahili. Considerable travel and busy office in Nairobi.

Field Director for Sudan

To co-ordinate large and widespread relief and development programmes with urgent concern for refugees in the East and West. Recent and relevant overseas field experience essential. preferably in the region, with knowledge of Arabic. Arduous conditions.

For both above posts: analytical administrative and interpersonal skills important and relevant degree qualifications. Age 28-45 preferred.

To start 1st August for four-year contract. Closing date for completed applications: 20th June, 1985.

Salary £8,642 p.a. with annual increments (non-taxable UK) plus overseas service allowance, accommodation, transport, insurance, etc.

Further details and application form from: Overseas Personnel Officer, Oxfam, 274 Bankside Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ.

Oxfam is an equal opportunities employer

**THE PEPPER HARROW FOUNDATION**
THORNBY HALL - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A DIRECTOR

Is required to transform this historic private Manor House into a very special school for emotionally disturbed children of secondary school age. It will be a registered charity and a full member of the Pepper Harrow Foundation. This post offers an exciting and creative opportunity to develop and apply new ideas in treatment and education; on appointment, the Director will be involved in the planning, staffing and material development of the Community.

Applicants should have experience of working with disturbed children. They should have understanding and preferably have had some experience of the application of psycho-dynamic ideas in the residential setting and they are likely to have held posts in a senior capacity in one of the helping professions.

The salary scale and conditions of service will recognise the required level of effort and creativity, of management skills and of experience.

Please write for further details and application information to: The Executive Director, The Pepper Harrow Foundation, 14 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AX.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE**VACANCIES IN THE THIRD WORLD**

IVS seeks skilled people for temporary assignments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in:

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland

Current requirements: architects, planners, civil engineers, foresters, geographers, metal workshop managers/technicians, business training officer, poultry husbandry coordinator, printed textiles crafts instructor, doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, medical lab technicians, accountants, teachers - science, maths, geography, SPL, remedial, primary, and pre-school/infant for health education.

2 year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Repeat no funding for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland. For further details send short c.v. and large a.s.a. to: Rose Gifford, Dept 022, International Voluntary Service, 3 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 5YL.

FIELDWORKER - UNEMPLOYMENT PROJECTS

£9,087 - £10,209 (JNC 1-5)

The person appointed will be responsible for developing and managing projects and activities designed to help unemployed young people.

Minimum qualification is the successful completion of full time Youth Training Course.

Application forms and further information available from Mrs G. H. Russell (Youth Officer), Leisure Services Division, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE. Tel: 061-480 4848 ext. 4457.

STOCKPORT

An Equal Opportunities Employer

WEST YORKSHIRE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**COUNTY TOURISM OFFICER**

£11,250-£13,320

This post is responsible for promoting West Yorkshire as a tourist centre, thereby assisting in the economic development of the County and initiating public and private sector projects that will generate increased employment opportunities for the people of West Yorkshire.

West Yorkshire contains many attractions besides its countryside, moors, theatres and museums. There is an extensive canal network; the internationally acclaimed Yorkshire Sculpture Park; Harrogate and the Bronte Heritage; the Roman finds from Castleford; Sandal and Pontefract Castles, plus Kirkstall Abbey; Piece Hall, Halifax, and several stately homes including Harewood House and Nostell Priory.

Applicants should have a degree and membership of the Institute of Marketing together with several years' experience in tourism or marketing. The post is based in Wakefield and applicants must hold a full driving licence.

Wakefield is close to the M1 and M62 and within easy reach of National Parks and east coast resorts. This is an area of reasonably-priced housing and we will provide generous assistance with relocation expenses (including full reimbursement of legal fees, stamp duty and removal costs, plus allowances to cover other expenses) in appropriate cases.

Closing date: 14th June, 1985. Post Ref KM 80002/G1.

Application forms and further details are available from, and should be returned to, the Director of Manpower Services, 8 St John's North, Wakefield WF1 3QA, Tel Wakefield 367111 ext 2840. Please quote post reference number.

Equal opportunity open to all

North West Hertfordshire Health Authority**General Managers**

North West Hertfordshire Health Authority serves a population of over 1/2 million people through two general hospitals, two mental handicap hospitals, a mental illness hospital and a community unit. We have set up three management units: acute with midwifery (1550 staff and £18m budget), mental handicap (1700 staff and £16.8m budget) and community with psychiatry (950 staff and £2.6m budget).

As a developing district committed to introducing new and better patterns of health care provision we need three first-class managers to lead the units. At this stage we are looking for candidates for the acute with midwifery and community with psychiatry posts. They are likely to be between 28 and 45 years of age and need not have had NHS experience but will certainly have a keen interest in health care. They are likely to have either a degree or professional qualification. They will be able to demonstrate a successful record of managing a complex organisation including the management of change and managing a substantial budget. People earning up to £20,000 p.a. are likely to be interested. Relocation expenses are payable if required. The contract is for 5 years initially, renewable by mutual consent.

Further information about the District and the posts available from: Roger Stokes, General Manager, on St. Albans 56122, Ext. 459 or 485.

Please indicate which post(s) interest(s) you.

Curriculum vitae and reasons for wishing to be considered for the post should be sent to: Mrs. P. J. Hurley, District Personnel Officer, North West Hertfordshire Health Authority, District Offices, St. Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road, St. Albans, Herts, by Monday, 17th June, 1985.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 26th June, with visits to District and Units on Tuesday, 25th June.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

requires an

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

for the Professional Practice Department. Duties will include advising members of the Institution on a wide range of practice matters and handling allegations of professional misconduct. Candidates should have a degree or professional qualification, preferably in law, a well developed capacity for communication and some relevant experience. Age 27-35.

Starting salary in the range £9,800 - £11,200 per annum according to age and experience.

Applications with c.v. (and daytime telephone number) to The Personnel Officer, R.I.C.S. 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3AD Telephone 01-222 7000 Ext. 212

Camden and City Dial a Ride

requires a

CO-ORDINATOR

Salary SO2.1 (£11,652 including London Weighting)

Camden and City Dial a Ride is a door-to-door transport service for people with disabilities who are unable to use public transport. For this challenging post we are seeking a committed and energetic person to manage the service. This will include being responsible for the work of all office staff and seventeen full-time paid drivers and reporting to an active management committee.

Applicants must have transport management experience and an understanding of the needs of people with disabilities.

Camden and City Dial a Ride is an equal opportunities employer. Applications from people with disabilities are particularly welcome.

Further details and an application form may be obtained from:

Camden and City Dial a Ride
Second Floor, St. Margaret's
25 Leighton Road, London NW5

Telephone: 01-267 2993

Closing date: 12th June, 1985.

This post is funded by the GLC.

HOUSING PROJECT WORKER

A second full-time worker is needed by Blackfriars Housing for Young People Project (BHYP) to manage a developing programme of accommodation for homeless young people aged 16-21 years from North Southwark and North Lambeth. Experience in housing and an ability to work with this age group essential.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community. BHYP current staff is white; and we therefore wish to encourage applications from ethnic minorities (sector 38 15 of the Race Relations Act applies).

Salary scale £6,970-£9,780 including London Weighting. Write for details and application form to BHYP, Blackfriars Settlement, 44-47 Nelson Square, London SE1, or telephone 01-426 9521.

Selection 28 June 1985. Closing date Friday June 21st.

BHYP is a GLC and London Borough of Southwark funded project.

COLUMBUS FIRST HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED**TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER**Salary £15,261-£15,930 pa + car
(1st July review)

Columbus First Housing Association Limited is responsible for over 1,000 Fair Rent and Co-ownership homes throughout London and the South of England.

The Association needs a dynamic professional to lead its technical services, and to take personal charge of a substantial major repairs programme. Considerable technical expertise is required. Experience of estate improvement or remedial works programmes, or of housing association procedures, would be desirable but not essential.

For further information and an application form, contact:

HACAS RECRUITMENT
2 Herts Road
London N7 6PL

To discuss this post informally, please telephone Jeff Ziron on 01-609 9491.

Closing date for application: 19th June, 1985.

Director of Recreational Services

£21,997/£23,931 (under review)

Manchester is a multi-racial City with high unemployment. We wish to make a wide range of recreational activities more relevant and accessible to the whole community. We are looking for a Director of Recreational Services with a commitment to implementing these aims, and an understanding of the politics of leisure.

While formal qualifications in the field of leisure are not essential, candidates should have an awareness of the practicalities of recreational provision in a multi-cultural society. A proven record of managerial effectiveness and experience of initiating and co-ordinating change over a wide range of activity is essential. The Department is currently responsible for a comprehensive range of services including provision of outdoor recreational and sporting facilities, leisure centres, swimming pools, public halls, promotion of events, play development, landscape design and construction, public laundries, allotments, cemeteries and crematorium.

The City Council is committed to equal opportunities and is developing a co-ordinated approach to neighbourhood services. The person appointed will be required to make positive contributions in these areas.

Further particulars and a form of application may be obtained from the Director of Personnel, Personnel Department, 4th Floor, Cambridge House, Crown Square, Manchester M2 3BB. Telephone: 061-234 7901.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 21st June, 1985.

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an equal opportunity employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their race, ethnic, or national origin, disability, age, up to 65, sexuality or responsibility for dependants.

ELM HOUSE LANCASTER

An informal Day Centre for people who have suffered mental illness

This is a new project which is funded through Joint Funding. We require:

AN ORGANISER

Scale 6: £8,822 x 3 to £9,114

A DEPUTY ORGANISER

Scale 5: £7,824 x 4 to £8,282

The Day Centre will open in November 1985 in a building near to the centre of Lancaster. The Organiser and Deputy Organiser are expected to take up their appointment in October 1985. The Deputy Organiser's appointment will be made by the Committee in conjunction with the appointed Organiser.

The Day Centre is promoted and will be managed by a voluntary Committee with representatives from North West Fellowship, Lancaster Association of Mental Health, Lancashire Social Services and Lancaster Health Authority.

For application forms and further details, please apply to: David Lyne, Director of North West Fellowship, 46 Allen St., Warrington WA2 7JB.

Closing date for completed applications: 24th June 1985.

Interviews: Organiser's post - 16th July 1985. Deputy Organiser's post - 23rd July 1985.

Research and Development Officer (Race Relations)

Grade SO2 Salary £10,404-£11,025 p.a. plus £1,017 L.W. and supplements

Required to join a small specialist team, within the Personnel and Management Services Division, headed by the Race Relations Adviser (Personnel).

The successful applicant will be responsible for undertaking research into the Council's employment policies and procedures and developing monitoring systems for the analysis of ethnic data. The authority is looking for someone with a sound knowledge of research methods and a good understanding of Race Relations issues as they relate to Personnel.

First hand experience of the needs, problems and concerns of black communities will be of positive advantage.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Great Town Hall Annex, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 8BT, returnable 19th June 1985. Telephone: 01-608 6871 (24 hour Answering Service). Reference number C/499/2.

must be quoted.

London Borough of

BRENT

Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job Seekers welcome.

Jewish Society for the Mentally Handicapped**INSTRUCTOR**

Grade 3/4, £5,851-£5,523

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER

Grade 3/4, £5,851-£5,523

STANMORE COTTAGE

Stanmore Cottage is a new and exciting venture for the care of mentally handicapped people. It provides a home for 14 mentally handicapped adults. This is a community-based project situated close to a wide range of social and recreational facilities. The emphasis of the home is towards ongoing care of the residents. Applicants should have a developmental approach towards the care of mentally handicapped people in the community.

Applicants should have either a relevant qualification or suitable experience in this field. They must be able to work as part of a multidisciplinary team, and preferably have experience in the Key Worker system.

Please apply in writing for an application form to: The Director (Prof. S. J. M. Stanmore), Old Church Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 2PB. Closing date for applications: 19th June, 1985.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Scale 4 - £21,582-£21,917 **TEMPORARY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ASSISTANT** (4-year contract)

Required to promote the assistance available to small- and medium-sized businesses from central to local government, the EEC and from other agencies including the recently-introduced Business Improvement Services Scheme. Post is supported by the EEO and Department of Trade and Industry.

Applicants should be familiar with the needs and problems of businesses, particularly those engaged in manufacturing. You must be able to establish and develop positive contact with companies at a senior level. Experience of working in industry would be a distinct advantage. A relevant degree or other appropriate qualification is required.

The post involves a 4-year fixed-term contract with the County Planning Department's Industrial Bureau.

TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT (2-year contract)

Required for a 2-year experiment to foster the growth of manufacturing and service co-operatives throughout County Durham. Applicants should be familiar with the needs of small businesses and the assistance available to them and preferably have experience of working in the field of employment creation and help to industry and commerce. Knowledge and experience of working with workers' co-operatives essential. A degree or other appropriate qualification in a business-related subject is required.

The post is within the County Planning Department's Industrial Bureau and will involve a 2-year appointment.

Further information for the above posts can be obtained by telephoning Mr L. Hanson, Industrial Officer, on Durham (0362) 64411 ext 248.

TEMPORARY PLANNING ASSISTANT

Applications are invited from fully qualified and experienced planners for this appointment which will run until 31st March, 1986.

The post is in the County Structure Plan Team, which has recently commenced the "Roll Forward" of this structure plan.

Salary according to qualifications and experience.

A union membership agreement is in operation and applies to this post.

Application forms, returnable by 7th June, 1985, are available from the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UF, Tel: Durham (0362) 64411 ext 2612.



Develop New Initiatives In Welfare Rights and Income Support Senior Project Officer £14,229-£15,261

In common with many authorities, Hackney has faced considerable problems with benefit take-up. An independent review has established the need to develop integrated policies on Housing Benefits and other income-related benefits.

Your principal objectives will be to assist in creating positive guidance for the Council in developing an overall income support function.

Whilst neither local government experience nor particular qualifications are essential, you should have a wide and varied experience in income related benefits and in developing operational guidelines covering the whole welfare rights field.

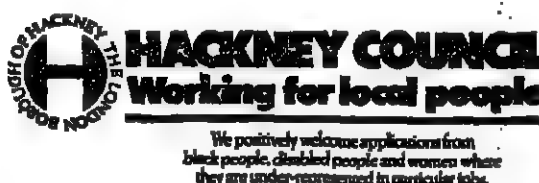
Also essential is the ability to communicate clearly and effectively combined with the creative flair necessary to resolve the increasing problems faced by the local community.

Job-share applications will be welcomed with or without a partner.

Application forms are available from John Penney, Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA, or Tel 01-986 5331 (24-hr answering service), quoting Ref LJ490G.

Closing date: 14th June, 1985.

The Council intends to decentralise its services, therefore the duties, hours of work or location of this post may be subject to change.



Cheshire PLANNING OFFICERS £5,922-£11,025 **CHESTER**

Would you like to join our newly formed Career Grade pool of Planning Officers? Two posts are currently available offering a wide variety of professional experience. Allocation of work will depend upon the work programme; currently, we need help with tourism policy, county sites and mineral workings, but it is envisaged that experience will be available over the whole spectrum of the Department's activities.

Applicants must be qualified to RPI final standard and ideally have the ability to run computerised information systems, and hold a current driving licence.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from the Personnel Section, County Planning Department, Cheshire County Council, Commerce House, Hurst Street, Chester CH1 1SN. Tel: Chester 603108.

Closing date: 12th June, 1985.

All applicants will be considered on the basis of suitability for the post, regardless of sex, race, marital status, religion or disability.

PRIVATE TENANTS' WORKER Salary will be at local government pay scale APS/PL28 (£9,780 pa incl London Weighting).

The work will concentrate on projects related to the principles of the rent acts, such as a case work analysis of the effects of insecurity of tenure and the problems associated with access and mobility in the private rented sector. Ability to work on own initiative essential. Closing date for applications is 12th June, 1985, with interviews taking place between 17th-21st June, 1985.

The Organisation for Private Tenants Limited (OPT), an established community-based organisation working for private tenants in London, is looking for a

PETERBOROUGH CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER £9,477

This is a new CDA in a new city. The Officer will be responsible for development work, CDA organisation and funding. We need an experienced person with good business knowledge and commitment to workers' co-operatives.

Job description and application forms from: Carrie Jost, Peterborough Development Corporation, P.O. Box No. 3, Southill Close, City Road, Peterborough PE1 1UJ.

For an informal discussion contact: Peter Cockerham on 0223 60877. Closing date: 14th June, 1985.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES' DEPARTMENT Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Unit Disablement Initiatives Officer £20,12 - £24,77-£21,025

The functions of the Unit in supporting the Race Relations and Equal Opportunities Committee, are to collect information and generate effective strategies to ensure that the Council pursues positive policies, which will promote equal opportunities for black and disabled minority groups, and work for the elimination of institutional racism.

The postholder will develop and co-ordinate Authority-wide initiatives for improving the employment prospects of and level of service provision to disabled people in Birmingham. He/she will have a good general education including GCE 'O' Level or equivalent in English Language, together with experience in working with disabled people in a voluntary or work related capacity.

WOMEN'S UNIT Women's Career Development Officer £20,12 - £24,77-£21,025

The City Council's Women's Committee aims to strengthen the links between the Council and Women in the City; to advise the Council on positive action to ensure that women are not discriminated against and their needs and interests are properly served by the Council both as an employer and as a provider of services. The Women's Unit supports the Committee's work and is being strengthened with the following new posts. Applications will be welcomed from those relating to job share.

Women's Information and Liaison Officer £20,12 - £24,77-£21,025

To establish links between the Council and women in Birmingham with particular reference to black and Asian women and to ensure that the ethnic minority dimension is considered in all the work of the Unit.

Understanding and knowledge of women's rights and in particular a sensitivity to the needs of black and Asian women, proven ability to communicate effectively with individuals and organisations, experience of planning and organising public events are essential, together with ability to liaise with public relations.

Secretarial and Administrative Assistant Scale 4 £5,555-£7,320

To provide administrative and secretarial support to the Unit. The ability to organise own work and to communicate effectively with members of the public are necessary, together with proven fast and accurate audio and typing skills, and experience of word processing operation.

Ability to speak one or more ethnic minority languages would be an advantage for the second and third posts. Candidates may obtain application forms, returnable by 10 June 1985 (14 June for Disablement Initiatives Officer), and further particulars from Personnel Section, Chief Executive's Department, Council House, Birmingham B1 1BB.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT Economic Development Unit - Education and Training Section

Birmingham City Council has established an Economic Development Unit to develop a strategy in response to the major changes in the employment structure of the City. The major task of the Education and Training Section of the Unit is to identify and assess the training needs of companies in the City and link these needs into the most appropriate form of provision. A Training Consultancy Team in the section will have a key role to play in the operation of a training strategy for the City. The first priority for the team will be the establishment of a New Technology Training Scheme partly funded by the European Social Fund which encourages companies to introduce new technology and thus alter their management or production techniques. To support private investment, financial and practical assistance is available to retain the workforce.

Applications are invited for five new posts which have been created within the Education and Training Section.

Senior Training Officer £12,340-£13,235

The postholder will lead the Consultancy Team consisting of three other training posts with administrative support. Candidates must be professionally qualified, possess extensive training related experience at a management level and demonstrate a sound understanding of business practices within either the public or private sectors.

Training Officer (2 posts) £11,025-£11,980

To be responsible to the Senior Training Officer for assisting companies in the identification of their training needs and suitable training programmes, to consider new technology implications, to develop a training data base, and identify existing and future skills shortages in the economy.

Candidates must be professionally qualified and possess training experience in a business related environment.

Training Officer £9,555-£11,025

To be responsible for the effective administration of the New Technology Training Scheme and to assist in the co-ordination of vocational training activities initiated by the Consultancy Team.

Candidates must be educated to degree level and possess administrative experience preferably in a training related discipline.

Education and Training Officer £9,555-£11,025

This post is seconded to the Unit from the City Education Department and will be responsible to the Principal Officer (Education and Training) for assisting in the preparation of the training strategy, monitoring the work of the Consultancy Team and in co-ordination of vocational training.

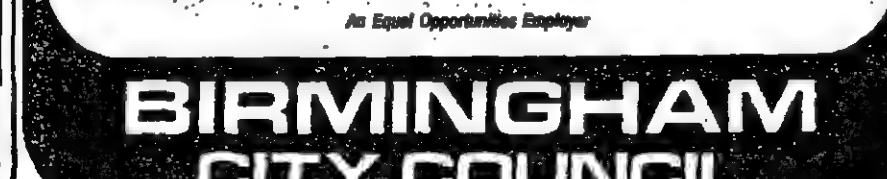
Candidates must be qualified to degree standard and have experience in developing vocational training initiatives.

Informal enquiries: 021-235 4972.

Written details and application forms (returnable by 12th June 1985) are obtainable from and returnable to: Asst. City Planning Officer, 120 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2ED. Tel: 021-235 4400.

Please quote Ref. LJ490G.

Interviewing will be by telephone.



YMCA INITIATIVE IN DRUG ABUSE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

For more than 140 years the YMCA has consistently innovated programmes to meet changing social needs. In 1984 because of the growing concern about the rapid increase in drug and alcohol abuse an investigation was carried out to ascertain ways of dealing with the problem. This has already resulted in new programme and resources including a video film with Lenny Henry playing the leading role.

To continue and develop this challenging work we need a person with the ability to work hard and to be effective in achieving objectives to create new initiatives; stimulate others to develop advice, counselling and educational services.

The successful candidate will be the key person in a series of initiatives to be taken with unemployed young people, in schools, in youth clubs, in the training of full time and voluntary leaders and in a variety of outreach programmes at many of our 200 local centres throughout the country.

If you have a Christian commitment in accordance with the Aims and Purposes of the YMCA and a determination to fulfil the role, act as a reference for a Movement in touch with nearly 700,000 young people then apply to:

Sam Johnston, National Council of YMCAs, 540 Forest Road, London E17 3JZ.

PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OFFICER £10,149-£11,789

The Family Housing Association is one of London's largest housing associations, managing nearly 5,000 units of accommodation, with a staff of 100 based at four office locations and 400 tenancy staff.

The postholder will be based at the head office in Kensington, SW8, and will be responsible for the day-to-day management of personnel systems with particular emphasis on recruitment. She/he will also be required to assist in the review and development of the personnel function in the Association. The job will also involve liaison with LHA's, an external training body for the coordination of skills-related training, and the organisation of and participation in internal courses, e.g. induction. Other duties include acting as Secretary to consultative meetings with NALGO, monitoring budgets, preparing salary information, and the administration of personnel.

Personnel experience, a good working knowledge of employment law and administrative ability are essential; as is the ability to work with the minimum of supervision in an informal environment. Housing experience and training skills would be an advantage. Graduate and/or RPI preferred.

Starting salary dependent on experience. Benefits include 25 days holiday p.a. and contributory pension scheme. For a job description and application form, please contact John Rogers on (01) 582 6502.

Closing date for the receipt of completed forms: 21 June 1985.

Family Housing Association FHA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

Leicester City Council

As part of the City Council's commitment to an Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of marital status, sex, race, disability or sexual orientation.

Housing DLO Works Manager Salary to £15,726

We are reorganising our Housing Direct Labour Organisation (DLO) which has a fine record of winning work by competitive tender and is expanding from a foundation of greatly improved productivity. We need to maintain and improve the competitive and responsive service to our tenants in 35,000 houses and to other clients. Ensuring a good return on capital employed and continuing to win additional contracts will be major responsibilities of this new post.

You should be:

- a high calibre manager capable of running an organisation of 450 craft and other workers, 70 staff and a turnover of £25 million;
- qualified to chartered status, e.g. IOB/RICS etc;
- experienced in managing a specialised workforce;
- able to demonstrate experience of control of major public sector work programmes;
- aware of Local Government competition regulations.

Principal Programme and Policy Officer Salary £11,562-£12,645

The Council intends to develop a revised maintenance strategy for the repair and improvement of its 35,000 Council houses. A new team is being set up within the Maintenance Division of the Department; the team has ongoing responsibilities which include:

- relet properties, adaptations and post inspections. However, the immediate challenge is to begin a comprehensive stock analysis, both physical and visual inspection of existing paper and computer-based files and to construct the framework for future maintenance and improvement programmes.

 Particular qualifications are not specified, but the successful applicant will need to:

- have good analytical skills and the ability to present complex information in a clear and concise manner;
- be able to identify and define software needs from the past viewpoint;
- be able to work constructively amongst people with different skills and at diverse levels within the organisation;
- direct effectively a section with a considerable workload that has the dual brief of operational responsibilities and the production of an effective maintenance and improvement programme;
- have sound knowledge of housing construction;
- be able to understand and relate sympathetically with the needs and expectations of our tenants.

 Assistance with relocation expenses up to a maximum of £2,075 and temporary housing accommodation are available in approved cases.

Application form (returnable by 17th June 1985) and further details from: Director of Personnel and Management Services, New Walk Centre, Watford Place, Leicester LE1 3QZ. Tel: (0533) 549922, ext 7084.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ESTATES PHYSICAL RESOURCES CO-ORDINATOR (£12,680 - £15,395)

The Economic Development Division of the above department was established to undertake an active role in local economic development and promotion. The primary responsibilities are to attract and promote development, assist existing industries, encourage and assist co-operative development and other related activities. The main duties of the Physical Resources Co-ordinator are to co-ordinate the Council's development programme of sites and premises and encourage all parties having a potential interest in developing in Edinburgh in keeping with the Council's economic policies. Membership of RICS/ISVA with experience in development is required.

Applications available from the Director of Economic Development and Estates, 275 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1QE. Telephone: 031-225 2424, Ext 5812.

Closing date: 11th June, 1985.

Edinburgh District Council is an equal opportunities employer. Applications are invited from women and men, from all sections of the community, irrespective of ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation, who have the necessary attributes for the post.

IMPROVING SERVICES—CREATING JOBS



Strathclyde

GLASGOW Sub-Region SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY WORKER

South West, Two Area Office, 1 Maryfield Street, Gorton GRT. (East Glasgow) Tel: 0141-274 2400 - 274 2401/274 2402/274 2403/274 2404/274 2405/274 2406/274 2407/274 2408/274 2409/274 2410/274 2411/274 2412/274 2413/274 2414/274 2415/274 2416/274 2417/274 2418/274 2419/274 2420/274 2421/274 2422/274 2423/274 2424/274 2425/274 2426/274 2427/274 2428/274 2429/274 2430/274 2431/274 2432/274 2433/274 2434/274 2435/274 2436/274 2437/274 2438/274 2439/274 2440/274 2441/274 2442/274 2443/274 2444/274 2445/274 2446/274 2447/274 2448/274 2449/274 2450/274 2451/274 2452/274 2453/274 2454/274 2455/274 2456/274 2457/274 2458/274 2459/274 2460/274 2461/274 2462/274 2463/274 2464/274 2465/274 2466/274 2467/274 2468/274 2469/274 2470/274 2471/274 2472/274 2473/274 2474/274 2475/274 2476/274 2477/274 2478/274 2479/274 2480/274 2481/274 2482/274 2483/274 2484/274 2485/274 2486/274 2487/274 2488/274 2489/274 2490/274 2491/274 2492/274 2493/274 2494/274 2495/274 2496/274 2497/274 2498/274 2499/274 2500/274 2501/274 2502/274 2503/274 2504/274 2505/274 2506/274 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SO1/2 £9,477/£11,025 p.a.

The City Council operates a five-day, 35-hour week with flexible working hours and generous holiday entitlement. For a job description and application forms please ring Bob Jones on 061-234 7503. All completed application forms should be sent to: The Director of Personnel, Personnel Department, 4th Floor, Cumberland House, Crown Square, Manchester M60 0QR. Closing date: Wednesday, 19th June, 1986.

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age up to 65, sexuality or responsibilities for dependents.

The maximum salary for these posts is £9,771 p.a. Inc., although we would expect that appointments would be made in the range between £8,000 and £8,000 p.a. For an application form and further particulars of the posts, please write to the Chief Executive, Town Hall, East Ham, London E6 2RP, or telephone 01-471 0818 (24-hour answering service). Please quote reference CE 302.

Further information and an application form are available from Mr M. Faulstich, London Borough of Southwark, Company Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5. Telephone number 01-703 6311 ext. 2029.
Closing date 20 June, 1985.

**HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
TRAINING SERVICES**

Apply by 11th June, 1985.

H.F.T.S. (LDP)
PO Box 501, Town Hall Extension,
King Street, Hammarsmith, London W8
Telephone: 01-748 3382

Please quote Reference No. 4051.

The closing date for applications is June 18, 1965.

details, from: Director of Social Services, County Hall,
Dorchester DT1 1XJ. Please quote reference P0502X.

London Borough of
BRENT *Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

STOCKPORT

DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING SERVICES

Race Relations Adviser

£11,916 - £12,900

Housing Directorate Race Unit

The Race Unit is being created in the Housing Directorate to improve the access to and quality of the Housing Service to ethnic minorities; to ensure equality of opportunity and treatment and to provide support and consultation through the development of links with the black community and the removal of any practices and attitudes which may result in discrimination.

It is particularly important that the Race Unit be set up in different Departments of the Council working cohesively within the overall framework of work programmes devised together with the Central Race Unit.

The Housing Directorate Race Unit will work closely with the Council's Central Race Unit in the Community Affairs Section and Race Unit in other Directorates, in the development and implementation of the Council's overall Race Strategy, particularly in the areas of employment opportunity and positive action.

The person appointed will be responsible to the Assistant Director of Housing Services (Central) for supervising the work of the Unit and contributing to the joint working of Race Relations staff throughout the Council. The person will promote equality of treatment in Housing, establish links with the black community and keep records, carry out research on race issues and recommend changes in policy and procedures, where necessary. An awareness of the current debates on Race and Housing is essential, combined with the ability to lead a team of workers.

Of particular importance are the continued initiation and development of links with ethnic minority groups, monitoring the Housing Directorate's policies on racial harassment and the development of a skilled race advisory and training capability in the Directorate.

We are seeking someone with Housing or Local Government background, allied to a good record of community and race relations work. Applicants must be resourceful, aware people, persuasive but at the same time conciliatory and enthusiastic about working in a Service continuously in the public eye.

Senior Budget Officer

£11,373 - £12,219

This is a key post in the busy Programming and Budgeting Unit of the Housing Directorate. Major objectives of the postholder will include the implementation and monitoring of decentralised budgetary control of maintenance expenditure at area level; preparation of annual estimates and budgets for the maintenance account; developing the full potential of the new computerised repair ordering system in order to maximise the availability of essential financial and management information; monitoring of overall maintenance costs and developing value-for-money strategies. Duties will also include some monitoring of the overall Housing Capital Budget.

The post offers many challenges to someone who is keen to work under pressure and to achieve a high standard of performance. The postholder will be required to work closely with the Director of Housing Services and the Assistant Director of Housing Services, and to be able to demonstrate an analytical approach to problem solving and the ability to write reports fast and fluently with the minimum of supervision.

Caravan Site Management Officer

£10,134 - £10,764

Duties include day-to-day management of caravan pads within the Borough on own initiative (with General Instructions) with particular emphasis on being and maintaining a link between the Council and the residents and outside agencies. Specific duties include: letting of pads, understanding of the site and its facilities; investigate complaints and act upon as necessary; preventing individual rent arrears by prompt personal contact; supervise the caretaker responsible for the site, and maintain a register of applicants awaiting assistance; drafting of Reports for Housing Management sub-committee as required and to assist the Area Housing Manager in preparing budgets.

Application forms from Director of Housing Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Penge Middleton House, 30 Woodcock Road, Woodcock, London SE18 9NS. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3771.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Committee Secretary

£11,916 - £12,900

Do you have the following qualities?

- An experienced Committee administrator
- First-rate communication skills
- Ability to initiate and implement change
- Require little supervision and able to supervise others
- A commitment to democracy and public participation
- Successfully argue your point of view to Senior Officers
- Hold a relevant degree, A.C.I.S. or a similar qualification

The person we recruit will be responsible for the business of a main Committee of the Council. He or she will represent the Chief Executive at Committee and major Sub-Committee meetings, provide advice on Committee procedure and practice, and generally assist the Chair.

He/she will ensure that information is presented to Committee in a clear, balanced and accurate way. This will involve actively contributing to the formulation of reports and action on Committee decisions, attending and chairing officer meetings and dealing with outside organisations, including the voluntary sector.

The postholder is responsible to the Principal Committee Secretary who reports to an Assistant Chief Executive. Committee Secretaries have the opportunity to change their Committee area from time to time and may have moved on to senior positions in time management.

This is a re-advertisement and previous applicants will automatically be reconsidered.

For further information telephone Nigel Kurney on 01-854 8888, Ext. 2054.

Ethnic Minority Community Worker

£11,061 - £11,682

plus 10% unsocial hours payment

Required to develop initiatives on policy issues with specific reference to the Afro-Caribbean community and to liaise with

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE

GREENWICH

People and Services First

ethnic minority communities in the borough to identify their needs and to advise on the community work implications of Council policy.

Applicants should have experience in writing reports and should have the ability to communicate at all levels. Knowledge of race relations and equal opportunity legislation would be an advantage.

Temporary Ethnic Minority Community Worker

£11,061 - £11,682

plus 10% unsocial hours payment

An enthusiastic and committed person required to cover maternity leave for a period of approximately six months. Candidates with a clear awareness of the needs of the ethnic minority communities and a sound knowledge and understanding of race relations would have an advantage.

Will be responsible for liaising closely with the community and will need to have some experience of initiating and developing community projects particularly in areas relating to women.

This post requires someone who can speak at least one Asian language.

For further information telephone Dick Charlton on 01-854 8888, Ext. 2061.

Application forms from Chief Executive, London Borough of Greenwich, 30 Woodcock Road, Woodcock, London SE18 9NS. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3034.

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Deputy Principal (Care) — Frant Court

£15,901 - £17,165

AN OPPORTUNITY WITH A FUTURE

We are looking for a very experienced child care practitioner whose depth of understanding of the needs of very troubled and problematic young people matches the depth of their confidence in leadership and organisational ability, complemented by their capacity to encourage and develop the staff and personal growth of others.

Frant Court is situated in the lovely village of Frant, near Tunbridge Wells, and provides care and education to 36 girls usually aged 14+ on admission. It has been functioning effectively for over five years, and we continue to strive to develop the most caring environment possible in which each child senses that they are known, heard, understood and met, and have an opportunity for growth; this includes the awareness that they are chaotic, sometimes violent young people need adults willing and able to sustain an understanding, caring relationship through firm, empathic boundaries and control.

Our approach to the use of the secure accommodation reflects our belief that care and control are part and parcel of each other. The secure suite is seen as part of the whole community, is not staffed separately, staff and girls entering it for the minimum time necessary to work through, particularly difficult occasions.

On conception of the way that senior management tasks should, ideally, be practised, echoes our understanding of the needs of staff, generated by close contact with very difficult teenagers who, in addition to the need to be met, are also to be met, often concealed behind a wall of hostility and contempt. Hence, the senior management team of four (led by Trevor John) between them provide 24-hour support to staff, and an active involvement in the daily life of the groups, alongside their shared, and specialised managerial functions. The salary paid is one expression of the recognition of the high level of commitment required of the postholder, as is the very extensive family home nearby in which the successful applicants will be required to live.

All staff (there are excellent teaching and care-staff ratios) are helped by a Consultant Psychiatrist, Psychiatric and Educational Psychologist (the latter are provided and well supported by LEA). Finally, there is a strong tangible commitment to Frant at all levels of "headquarters" including Members, as well from the L.B.G.R.P.C. on behalf of whom Greenwich manages Frant Court, Farnham and Wexham Hill House.

If you have the experience, skill, emotional stamina, strength of character and the appropriate training for this post, please give Trevor John (Principal) a ring on Frant 212, or Paul Hester (Principal Officer) on Frant 213.

Interviews for the shortlisted candidates will be taking place on Wednesday, 19th, and Thursday, 20th June, inclusive.

Application forms from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Penge Middleton House, 30 Woodcock Road, Woodcock, London SE18 9NS. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3074.

Superintendent

£10,764 - £11,682

A CHALLENGING JOB

Ashburnham Home for Mentally Handicapped Children

The present Superintendent has been promoted to headquarters and we are looking for a qualified / experienced person to carry on the progressive work which has been undertaken at Ashburnham over the past years.

Ashburnham, Greenwich, SE10, is situated in a residential area close to Greenwich Park. It caters for 20 mentally handicapped children in three self-contained and semi-independent groups, and facilities in short-term care. Each group has its own Staff Team. Group care is designed to provide a personalised and stimulating environment for the children, both within Ashburnham and in the community; individual treatment / training plans are closely followed, and are based on behavioural techniques. Children attend local schools with whom there are close links.

The Staff in the Establishment comprises Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Domestic Staff, 30 Child Care and five Ancillary Staff. The Superintendent has overall responsibility for the quality of care and management of Ashburnham generally, and will be expected to give special emphasis to staff development programmes. Ashburnham forms part of the Children's Residential Services Section and has close links with the Fieldwork, Fostering and Adoption Division.

Further information and application forms from Chief Executive, London Borough of Greenwich, Penge Middleton House, 30 Woodcock Road, Woodcock, London SE18 9NS. Tel: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3049.

Closing date: 14th June, 1985.

DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Directorate of Technical Services has been functionally restructured into an Engineering Services Division (Works, Engineering and Recreation) and a Development Services Division (Planning, Architecture and Land Agency).

Additionally, a Support Services Group has been created to replace four separate administrative units that were attached to the previous main technical areas. An Assistant Controller has already been appointed to lead the Support Services Group. Two Principal Administrative Officers are now required to support the Assistant Controller in the Management of the new group. This is an opportunity to be in at the start of a new organisation with the challenges and hard work that such a situation brings.

Principal Administrative Officer (Finance)

Ref. TS/1

Salary £13,983 to £15,015 per annum inclusive

This officer will have responsibility for the management of Finance within this large Technical Directorate with a gross revenue budget of £20 million p.a. and capital budget in excess of £2 million p.a.

As well as providing financial support to the two Divisions he/she will be directly responsible for Expenditure Control and Costing, Rechargeable Works, Contracts and Purchasing, Wages and Bonus.

Extensive financial and administrative experience and a relevant professional qualification are essential.

Principal Administrative Officer (Personnel and Office Services)

Ref. TS/2

Salary £13,983 to £15,015 per annum inclusive

The successful candidate will be required to set up the management of the Personnel and Office Services function within this large Technical Directorate, and draw together staff and systems from different backgrounds. In addition to providing Senior Administrative Support to the two Divisions, the postholder will be directly responsible for Staffing, Training, Typing Services, Filing, Correspondence, Committee Administration and other general administrative matters.

Candidates should have extensive administrative experience and hold a relevant qualification.

We offer: 24 days' basic annual leave with additional leave at most Bank Holidays; 36 hour flexible working week in operation; Removal and separation allowances may be payable in approved cases; Interest-free loans for season tickets and staff transport.

Application form, quoting appropriate reference number, from the Personnel Officer, Room 35, Ravensfield House, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BE. Telephone 01-222 6262, ext. 481 (01-222 6602 outside working hours).

Closing date: 21st June, 1985.

We welcome applications from registered disabled people

MAINTENANCE AND BUILDING WORKS DEPARTMENT

FINANCE OFFICER

£18,750-£19,875

In the newly-created Maintenance and Building Works Department, the Authority is totally committed to its Direct Labour Organisation, which has responsibilities for the maintenance of its dwellings. As part of the management structure of the Department, two new posts have been created with responsibilities for maintenance and finance respectively.

The Finance Officer will be responsible to the Director for the provision of an efficient finance, budgetary control and costing service for the Department, having regard particularly to the provisions of the Local Government Planning and Land Act, 1980.

With the increase in importance of commercialism in local authorities there is a need to employ either a young qualified accountant or someone with wide relevant experience at senior level in either the Public or the Private Sector.

Removal expenses to a maximum of £1,250 and temporary lodging allowances will be paid in appropriate cases.

Application form, returnable by 17th June, 1985, and further details may be obtained from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, PO Box 56, Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool L3 2DH. Tel: 051-227 3911 ext 706.

The City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of race, sex, marital status or disability.

LIVERPOOL

a Socialist Council

Information Assistant

£7,903 - £8,577 pa inclusive

The Spastics Society is one of Britain's largest charities. It is a dynamic, progressive and campaigning organisation that helps cerebral palsied people in all walks of life. We are actively working towards the integration of disabled people into the community and are committed to developing a more positive attitude towards disability. Our staff are of a high calibre and adopt a professional attitude to their work.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our busy Lobbying Department, whilst our Information Assistant is on Maternity Leave, for the period July 1985 - Jan 1986.

The person will ideally have been educated to degree standard. An ability to write clearly and concisely to meet regular deadlines is essential, as duties include the preparation of a Parliamentary Bulletin and Hansard Cutting Service.

The post would suit someone who wishes to gain experience of parliamentary and campaigning issues within a voluntary organisation. Preference will be given to candidates with a sound grasp of legislative or social policy issues.

For further details please telephone Mrs A. Jordan, Lobbyist, on 01-536 5620 Ext. 226. The Spastics Society, 12 Park Street, London W1. Closing date: 7.5.85. Interview date: 17.6.85.

THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

(An equal opportunity employer)

ROEHAMPTON & PUTNEY LAW CENTRE

needs a

BLACK ADVICE WORKER

Knowledge / experience in Housing Law or Welfare Rights essential, with a commitment to community work. Knowledge of Immigration Law an advantage.

The Law Centre is a self-servicing collective operating pay parity.

Job sharers are invited to apply.

Application form and job description from: R&PLC, 94 Putney High Street, SW15, Tel: 01-789 8232. Closing date: 21st June, 1985.

This post is advertised under s5(2)(d) of the Race Relations Act.

The Law Centre is funded by the GLC.

THE LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST

requires two part-time

DEVELOPMENT / MEMBERSHIP STAFF

to work on major recruitment / development programmes. Ability to communicate / persuade is essential; also knowledge of conservation. Own transport desirable. No experience necessary. One year contract, £3,000 pro rata.

Send application with cv to: The Director, LWT, 1 Thorpe Close, London W10 6LL.

ISLINGTON IS GOING LOCAL

Islington is taking its services closer to local people, putting Housing, Social Services, Environmental Health, Area Repairs, Payments to the Council, Advice on Council Services and Welfare Rights together into Neighbourhood Offices. The first 13 offices are now opening, covering half the Borough.

These offices are a new step towards the Neighbourhood Teams in further offices of this programme, which is one of the most advanced decentralisation projects in local government.



GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL

Housing Department

Research Assistant—Ethnic Minorities

Scale 6 £8,532 to £11,114 p.a.

The post holder will establish ethnic monitoring and record keeping procedures, carry out research on race issues, and recommend changes in policy and procedures where necessary.

The successful applicant is likely to be a graduate and must have at least three years' experience in housing or a related field.

A good understanding of race relations issues and first-hand experience of the problems and concerns of ethnic minority groups is essential.

The appointment is made under the terms of Section 11, Local Government Act, 1980 - the duties of the post will be reviewed at the end of the first year.

Assistance may be given with removal and disturbance expenses.

Application form and job description available from: Personnel Officer, Gloucester City Council, 15-17 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1BU. Tel: 0432 31271, ext. 47. Closing date: June 17, 1985. The City Council is an equal opportunities employer.

COTSWOLD COMMUNITY

(Voluntary Social Services)

We need a residential group living room to join a small staff team within this rural therapeutic community. The aim of our healing culture is to help emotionally disturbed, and social adolescent boys to achieve a self, and to enable the growth of inner control.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the lives of these young people, in a real way, then please write, saying something about yourself, to:

John Whitwell, Cotswold Co, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire SN6 9DU. An informal visit can possibly be arranged.

WELFARE RIGHTS WORKERS (2½)

Required for the Welfare Rights Support Team, a 13-person part-time team which provides welfare rights expertise and advice support to London advice and community services in areas visited by the GLC's welfare benefits take-up campaign. Two posts are full-time; one post is part-time (17½ hours per week). Knowledge of the welfare benefits system is essential. Experience of social security tribunals / training / ethnic minority communities would be an advantage.

The WRST is an equal opportunities employer. Full-time salary is £11,043 p.a. (inc. L.W.). The team are GLC funded.

Further details and application forms from WRST, 15 Old Street, London EC1V 9EL. Tel: 01-252 6962. Closing date: Monday, 10 June, 1985.

NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS

£13,491-£14,574 (incl.)

As well as a commitment to decentralisation and an understanding of the issues raised by an inner-city multicultural area, we are looking for people who will ensure the different services work together, the office runs efficiently and that local people have their say in what the Council does.

The persons will have a wide range of skills and will have worked in a position of responsibility, preferably in the public or the voluntary sector. They will have had experience of co-ordinating and supervising staff carrying out different functions. The ability to liaise and communicate effectively with a wide range of people is essential. The persons will be able to identify training needs and be willing to participate in the provision of training programmes.

The posts are graded PO3. Please telephone or write for an application form and further details to: Director of Personnel, London Borough of Islington, Northway House, 257/258 Upper Street, London N1 1RW. Tel: 01-226 8808. Closing date first post Monday 17th June 1985.

BARNESLEY HEALTH AUTHORITY

Unit General Managers

The Authority is implementing new management arrangements arising from the recommendations of the NHS Management Inquiry. The primary objectives are to establish the general management function and to ensure that the desire for improved quality and effectiveness of services for patient care is translated into action.

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Both appointments will be for a fixed-term of up to five years, extendable by mutual agreement. Salaries will be negotiable. Applicants for Post I will earn at least £20,000 p.a. and, for Post II, probably at least £17,000 p.a. Further details will be provided to those expressing an interest.

Informal discussions with Tony Mapplebeck, District General Manager, are welcome — Telephone Barnesley (0225) 241421.

Full details and application forms available from Mr Pat Williams, Director, Manpower Resources and Organisation, Barnesley Health Authority, 118 Gawber Road, Barnesley S75 2PS, Tel: Barnesley (0226) 286122, ext. 3909/3904. Closing date for receipt of completed applications: 18th June, 1985. Please quote reference AG/22.

West Midlands County Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Council is implementing a wide range of economic initiatives aimed at increasing industrial investment and improving job opportunities in the County Area. The Unit has a staff of 77 and a budget of approximately £16 million.

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For further information please telephone John de Kantar on 021-300 6769.

For an application form, write or telephone, quoting post reference number, to: County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ. Telephone No. 021-300 7825. A 24-hour telephone answering service is in operation. Closing date for receipt of applications: 12th June, 1985. The County Council has a positive Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly. All posts are open to female and male applicants.



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The Queen's Club
London W14 9EQ

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Public Appointments appear on page 25

Publicity Manager

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SALARY (under review): £21,310-£24,060. Starting salary according to qualifications and experience.

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For full details of other opportunity please contact:
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EXHIBITION AND DESIGN CO-ORDINATOR Ref 250245

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Application forms and further details from Personnel Services, Town Hall, 100, The Square, London E1 1BB, or telephone 01760 610382 (01-760 610382). Please quote reference number. Closing date: 7th June 1985.

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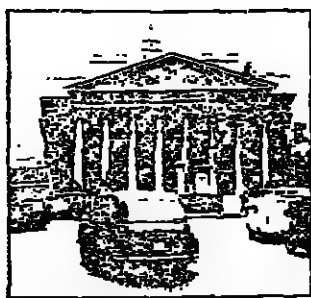
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Britain is the world's biggest creditor nation—but don't blink or you'll miss it



NOTEBOOK

Hamish McRae

ANYONE who reads a newspaper must know who the big debtors are: Brazil and Mexico. But who is the biggest creditor? Yes, it is Britain. But not for long.

This slightly unlikely statistic comes from the Japanese about as reported below.

are about to overtake us. But the figures are worth relating because they point to the enormous financial changes which are now taking place between the major nations, in particular Japan and the US.

In a nutshell, a year or so ago the US was by far the greatest creditor nation, with Britain—thanks in part to the large current account surplus of the last few years—in second place. Japan was only just moving into creditor status.

We only have Japanese figures for the position at the end of last year, but it looks as though the US was roughly in balance and is now a debtor nation. That is, of course, the result of her large current account deficit. We will have climbed a bit, but not much, as the current account was only just in surplus last year; but the \$80.7 billion figure will not have

gone down. And Japan was racing up behind.

Now look at the position which is likely to occur at the end of this year. The US will be a debtor to the tune of perhaps \$100 billion. The Japanese will be creditors to the tune of perhaps \$125 billion. And we will be second with, say, a bit under \$100 billion. Our brief reign in pole position will be over.

Lessons? In a period of high interest rates, better a creditor than a debtor. Or maybe just that the dollar would be in dead trouble without the Japanese investors to prop it up.

between Haden and Trafalgar House, and now of course, Debenhams.

What has made the whole technique possible is the fact that the shares of the various companies are undervalued in the market place: the company is worth more than the shares it is worth.

It is this fact that gives a certain credibility to the Debenhams effort—even if it is presented as a last resort—which it would not otherwise have. The financial markets are self-evidently unimpressed by the group's existing management, so why should they stump up money to sustain it in place?

The answer is that the existing management, with the help of Kleinwort, is doing much of the job that any potential bidder would do and may well be able to extract a higher value from the bits and pieces of the bus-

ness for the shareholders, than the bidder is prepared to offer.

It has a number of advantages. First, it knows the figures better than any outside management. (This raises an interesting point: should the same information be made available to a bidder as is available to a management buy-out? Trafalgar House is currently pressing the view that it should in its bid for Haden.)

Second, it can open negotiations with—in this instance—prospective owners of its finance subsidiary—in a way that the outside bidder can't easily do.

Third, the existing management may feel able to hand to shareholders a higher proportion of the total value than a bidder would feel comfortable doing.

Against all this is the question that any City backer of the management buy-out must ask, which is: Why should you lead money

to a management which only wants it as a last resort, and does not really want to do a buy-out at all?

At any rate, the buy-out defence, aside from making life more exciting, does extend the range of actions the financial markets can take in response to a bid. Backing the status quo or accepting the takeover is a rather stark choice. Breaking the thing up and letting management keep a bit of it might seem an attractive compromise.

Who to tell?

TO WHAT extent should auditors be responsible for detecting fraud?

Today the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies, the organisation which tries to co-ordinate ideas of the various professional accountancy bodies, publishes new draft auditing guidelines on "Fraud and other irregularities." It is a

useful document for two reasons.

First, it sets out current practice, or rather what the accountants assume to be current practice, for the responsibility of auditors seems likely to be tested in the courts over the Johnson Matthey and the various Lloyd's cases. It may well be that the courts take a different view from the professional bodies.

Second, the document is useful in as far as it highlights what the committee calls the "expectation gap" between users of financial statements and what the auditors feel they can provide.

The audit practices committee of the CCAB makes the point that "public expectation concerning the auditor's responsibilities in relation to fraud and other irregularities is greater than that currently acknowledged by the profession," and has sent a questionnaire to the accountants asking them to answer a number of what

must be rather uncomfortable ethical questions.

Example: Question eight is "should the auditor be expected to report fraud and other irregularities discovered to (a) shareholders, (b) interested third parties, and (c) the general public?"

At the very least it will be a useful exercise in seeing what the profession thinks, and should help avoid the sort of mess that the accountants got themselves into over inflation accounting, where the big companies failed to take notice of what the bulk of the profession thought.

Over inflation accounting, the profession was saved by the decline in inflation which has to a fair extent reduced the need for the accountants to agree among themselves. On the role of auditors, unless there is some dramatic reduction in the levels of "irregularities," the accountants will need to agree among themselves and do something.

Price of £13 million means heavy losses for electricity pension fund

Brent Walker to buy Brighton Marina

By Andrew Cornwell

The Brighton Marina, which cost £50 million to develop, is to be taken over by leisure group Brent Walker for a knockdown £13 million, leaving one of Britain's leading pension funds nursing heavy losses.

Brent Walker, which is returning to the stock market this week after a two-year absence, now plans a £50 million-plus redevelopment of the marina to include a village of 8,000 houses, moorings for 2,000 boats, a superstore, leisure centre and hotel. Mr George Walker, chairman of Brent Walker and brother of 1980s boxing star Billy Walker, said that the redevelopment would begin later this year once full planning permission has been granted by the local authority.

Electricity Supply Nominees, which handles the investments for 130,000 members of the electricity supply industry pension fund, is the major investor in the Brighton Marina Company, which is selling the 13-acre marina site. A spokesman for the fund said: "There is a long history of problems associated with this

development, so early in May we decided to sell to Brent Walker. To get it to work, a lot of money needs to be poured into it."

Other investors in the project include National Westminster Bank Special Projects, which took over the marina investment from the National Westminster pension fund, Royal Insurance, Thorn/EMI, GEC and Habitat-Mothcare.

Electricity Supply Nominees has taken the lion's share of the losses on the project since taking over the affairs of Westmoreland Properties, the company which was originally intending to develop the marina site. Four years ago two fund managers at ESN retired early following a row over the fund's exposure to the project.

Development of the marina which is on the seafloor a mile from the centre of Brighton, has been hampered by the technical problems associated with building a satisfactory sea wall. Mr Walker said that these had now been overcome and that a safety certificate had been granted by the local council.

He now plans to accelerate discussions with a number of

national housebuilders and superstore companies which have expressed an interest in developing the site. Brent Walker would sell the rights for these developments, and use the proceeds to help fund its own £10 million leisure centre development there.

Brent Walker's £8 million share offer to investors will also help fund a series of other developments including a £750,000 hotel at the Three Rivers country club in Essex, a new banqueting room above the group's leisure centre on the seafloor at Westcliff, and new film projects. Mr Walker is forecasting pre-tax profits of £3.4 million for the current year, excluding the Brighton marina project. The shares are being offered at 130p each.

For the future, Mr Walker has ambitious plans to develop a seafloor marina at Southend, and to redevelop Hackney greyhound stadium. The group is also expanding its film production business. A six-part television series on Mountbatten will reach British screens next year after careful vetting by Mr Norman Lonsdale, a friend of the royal family.



Brighton Marina: £50m redevelopment planned

NEWS IN BRIEF

OPEC's market monitoring committee will meet in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh next Tuesday, the Kuwaiti oil minister Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah said yesterday. Its session will follow a scheduled meeting of the Special Audit Committee in the Saudi resort city of Taif, on Sunday.

TRANSPORT & General Workers' Union chief Ron Todd has called for an early government announcement on the future of BL's new investment plan. Mr Todd has requested an urgent meeting with Trade and Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit.

LLOYDS BANK has invented a new reason for lending money: to parents making a contribution to student grants. Up to £2,000 a year will be lent, currently at 13.5 per cent to Lloyds customers and 17.5 per cent to non customers.

JOBS in the UK textile industry would be at risk if the Multi-Fibre Arrangement controlling cheap foreign imports is not renewed, Edmund Gartside, chairman of Lancashire textile firm Shiloh has warned.

Time leads the bidding for Warner-Amex

From Alex Brummer

Time Inc., the magazine publishing giant, is leading a pack of bidders interested in winning control of Warner-Amex, the cable television complex jointly owned by Warner Communications and American Express.

The Time bid, which is reportedly worth some \$1.25 billion, comes at a time when the magazine group itself has been the subject of takeover speculation during a period of turmoil in the American communications industry. The offer is said to consist of some \$750 million in cash and the assumption of \$500 million of debts.

Among Time's rivals for control of Warner-Amex is said to be another cable television operator, Viacom, which already has joint interests in Showtime/The Movie Channel—one of Warner-Amex's main interests. A management group led by Mr Drew Lewis, the Warner-Amex chairman who was President Reagan's former transport secretary, is putting together an offer, Warner-Amex sources said yesterday.

Mr Stephen Ross, the chairman of Warner Communications, one of the partners in Warner-Amex, is also said to be contemplating a Warner

Communications offer for the 50 per cent of the cable television group it doesn't already own.

While Warner-Amex has been a loss maker and a drain on Warner Communications, which is only now recovering from the write-offs at its former Atari video subsidiary it has recently shown signs of turning itself around. Analysts say that as the sixth largest cable system in the country with 104 separate systems, the MTV network and its interest in Showtime/The Movie Channel it has become an important communications property.

Time, as owner of the American Television and Communications cable group, the second largest in the country, clearly sees its bid as securing its future at the forefront of the cable explosion in the United States. It might also be seen as a defensive measure during the current round of media takeovers.

By far the most spectacular of the communications takeovers have been Capital City's acquisition of the ABC television network and the purchase by Mr Rupert Murdoch—through Twentieth Century Fox—of five Metromedia television stations. The fate of CBS, which is under siege from Turner's Cable News Network still remains in the balance.

Japan to be world's biggest investor

From Robert Whyman in Tokyo

Japan is on the way to becoming the world's largest investor nation, thanks to continuing huge current account surpluses, while the US is becoming the world's biggest borrower.

Official figures released yesterday show Japan's net assets abroad doubled to a record high last year of \$74.3 billion more in overseas assets than in debts. This compares with \$27.3 billion in foreign assets at the end of 1983, when Japan was in third place among creditor nations, behind the US with net assets of \$106 billion, and Britain with \$80.7 billion.

US and British figures for 1984 are available, but Japan's finance ministry estimates that the US, which is running balance of payments deficits, has evolved into a debtor nation. Ministry officials also estimate that Japan will overtake Britain by the end of 1985 to become the world's largest creditor nation.

About half of the money from Japan is going to the US, and a major part of that is being invested in high-interest US government bonds. Thus Japan is playing a large role in financing the Reagan administration's budget deficits. American interest rates are five or six points higher than in Japan.

The huge outflow from the savings of frugal Japanese and the earnings on exports are helping hold up the dollar. But Japan has come under fire from Western nations for spending its foreign exchange earnings on overseas financial funds instead of using them to stimulate the domestic economy.

Critics contend that to halt the outflow of Japanese funds the authorities in Tokyo should take action to enable the Japanese people to spend on investment more at home on attractive financial terms.

change were to be made without anyone being worse off (and some people being better off) it would cost a great deal.

The Chancellor said that the green paper would also look at the possible amalgamation of the tax and National Insurance Systems. But he was keen to keep the contributory principle of National Insurance because he said "a considerable merit in bringing home to people the fact that social security has to be paid for."

He added that there might be some "considerable merit in that can be secured from some forms of alignment that fall well short of formal integration."

could kill the sawfly larvae by spraying them from the air with their natural virus predator, Neodiprion sertifer NPV.

The bodies of already infected larvae were plucked from trees and ground up to produce a dilute mixture which was sprayed successfully on 4,000 hectares of Forestry Commission land in Scotland.

The US Forestry Commission, which already buys chemical tree seeds from British counterparts, wanted proof that the viral pesticide, marketed as Virox, would work on its own trees and asked the Berkshire firm to conduct trials.

Dr Steve Lisansky, Microbial Resources' senior scientist, said Virox proved 100 per cent effective and yet "extensive testing showed it to be completely harmless to large animals and birds."

At least 13 natural bio-

Offers flood in for stores group

By Margaret Pagan, City Correspondent

A FLOOD of offers to buy various parts of the Debenhams stores chain have been received by merchant bankers, Kleinwort Benson, who are putting together the contingency management buy-out plans.

Kleinwort said it had received another five calls alone yesterday from potential buyers which brings the tally since Burton's £455 million bid was launched to over 30 different parties. Interest is being shown from buyers all over the world but particularly US and UK financial stores to property groups.

Most of the interest is being shown for Debenhams' lucrative Welbeck finance operation, which could raise up to £200 million, its prime Harvey Nichols store which could be sold for about £30 million, to property groups interested in buying certain of the group's 67 stores. Another alternative is skimming down the chain to a more manageable 40 to 50 stores.

Mr Tim Holland-Bosworth, at Kleinwort, said it hopes to have more concrete proposals by next week.

Kleinwort, which is working on one of the big US investment banks experienced in leveraged buy-outs, believed to be Citicorp, has already had encouraging feedback from institutions to back any potential buy-out.

Meanwhile, Mr Robert Thornton, stressed again that a buy-out is only a last resort. Plans will be activated only if it becomes clear that Burton's bid has a chance of succeeding.

Some shareholders are urged to take no action. Debenhams will be sending its defence out, which should include a profit forecast for the current year, once Burton brings out its formal offer document, which is expected shortly.

Fall in UK milk output

UK MILK output in the first month of the second year of EEC maximum production quotas fell by 5.3 per cent compared with April 1984. The Milk Marketing Board said yesterday.

With demand for liquid milk holding firm, the amount available for supply to butter and cheese-making companies dropped by 9 per cent compared with the same time last year.

The quotas have been cut since the beginning of last month by a further per cent, in a renewed attempt to stop the growth of new butter and skimmed milk powders. The latest statistics show that English and Welsh farmers are still not turning out enough milk.

Higsons agrees Boddingtons' takeover terms

By Mary Brasier

Higsons Brewery, the last remaining independent brewer on Merseyside, has agreed a £27.5 million takeover bid from Boddingtons to create a brewing group in the Northwest with combined sales of £85 million.

The two groups trade next door to each other, with Boddingtons based in Manchester and Higsons' 180 pubs located in and around Liverpool. The two boards say the overlap between their outlets is minimal, but that combining Boddingtons' beers with Higsons' presence in the larger market will give the new group a comprehensive and wider range.

Boddingtons has already received undertakings from 51.9 per cent of Higsons shareholders to accept the offer, and the company has a 2.8 per cent shareholding in its own East and Royal Insurance are also shareholders.

The terms of the offer are five Boddington shares and 389p of convertible 9.5 per cent loan stock for every three Higsons, valuing the small brewer's shares at £71.8p. Boddingtons' chairman, Mr Swart Boddington, conceded that the bid price looked high in the light of Higsons' reported drop in half-time earnings yesterday.

The brewery disclosed that profits had slipped from the £432,000 to £236,000 in the first six months on slightly lower turnover. Chairman Mr Gerald Corlett blamed the switch from managed to tenanted pubs and low sales volumes, but said the group would be forecasting profits for 1985 of £1 million.

The figures had been delayed from last Friday, when



Swart Boddington

Higsons' shares were suspended at 177p. Yesterday they resumed trading at 350p and later fell to 223p.

The deal will give Boddingtons the presence it wants in the larger market, helped by Higsons' new £9 million lager brewery in Liverpool. Lager represents between 30 and 40 per cent of Higsons' sales compared with 11 per cent of Boddingtons' turnover.

"The acquisition of a modern lager brewery will give Boddingtons the chance to develop sales of own-produced lager and to position itself for the future in this growing and higher margin sector of the beer market," Mr Boddington said.

Higsons, which will continue trading under its own name on Merseyside, has room to bring its profit margins up from 4.2 per cent to the 18.3 per cent Boddingtons achieves. The merger is expected to cut Higsons' costs and provide additional scope.

Russia offloading gold after trading blunders

By our Financial Staff

An investigation of the world gold market by the giant mining group, Consolidated Gold Fields, has uncovered a major shift in Russian trading policy after some expensive blunders last year.

Despite the increasing efforts by the Russian authorities to disguise the amount of gold reaching the West each year, ConsGold has detected a significant increase in shipments this year.

Louise du Boulay, a gold expert at ConsGold, said yesterday that Russian shipments have already reached 80 tonnes this year, against the 205 tonnes supplied by the entire Eastern bloc in 1984.

The increased shipments follow some disastrous trading by the Russian authorities. The price back, she said.

Wozchod Handelsbank in Zurich traditionally handled all Russian gold sales, but was closed last year after suffering heavy losses by buying gold forward at a time when prices were falling.

Gold sales are now handled by the Bank for Foreign Trade in Moscow, which is furiously attempting to offload the gold bought on forward contracts on to the world markets.

Russian trading aids, speculative interest in the gold market has almost disappeared as investors prefer to trade more profitably on the back of volatile gold prices.

Mr du Boulay said that she expects the gold price to hover between \$300 and \$330 an ounce until the dollar weakens. At \$200 gold hoarders start to take profits, so forcing the price back, she said.

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NEWTON ABBOT

Mr C. D. Pike, Chairman, reports:

Pre-tax profits exceed £4 million

- * Pre-tax profits increased by 17.3% to £4,256m compared with £3,629m in 1983.
- * Total gross dividend increased to 7.0p from 5.85p. Capitalisation issue of one Ordinary Share for every five held.
- * Profitability continued to improve during 1984 thanks to increases in exports and the sale of refined clays.
- * Re-appraisal of our management structure and marketing strategy and redefining of executive functions as a contribution towards the continued upward trend in profitability.

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HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES

The Housing Directorate within Lambeth has embarked on an ambitious and challenging programme of decentralisation as part of its intention to bring its housing services to the community. Within the Directorate the Special Housing Services function has made a particular commitment to maintain and develop the concept of care within the community, in order to meet the increasing needs of groups such as the homeless, the mentally ill, the handicapped and the elderly. If you wish to actively contribute to this initiative and are committed to the Council's policies on equal opportunities, we appreciate the demands for housing within an inner city multi-racial community, we have the following opportunities.

Temporary Accommodation Officer

Salary £9,780-£11,355 pa inc

As part of a review within the function we are looking for an Officer who will be an active and integral member of the team responsible for the day-to-day management of the temporary accommodation and the monitoring of Bed and Breakfast establishments used for temporary accommodation for homeless persons. As an excellent communicator you will use your skills in liaising with other Directorates, departments and agencies as appropriate, and in providing support, advice and assistance to the client group. Being self-motivated you will actively contribute to the effectiveness of the team. You must also demonstrate organisational ability and communication skills. You should appreciate that on occasions you will work alone in this pressurised and stressful environment. Ideally you have relevant experience of working in a similar environment, preferably within a multi-racial community, however it is essential that you are aware of, and appreciate the issues relating to, homelessness.

On a rota basis you will be required to work "standby duty" in the evenings and at weekends (including Bank Holidays), for which additional payment is made. It is desirable that you hold a driving licence, and a casual car users allowance is paid. Applications should be made to the Personnel Officer, Directorate of Housing & Property Services, Lambeth House, Porden Road, SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722 Ext. 2053. Closing date 14th June 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Assistant Hospital Social Work Co-ordinator

Salary £12,507-£14,574 inc

We have a vacancy for an Assistant Hospital Social Work Co-ordinator in the West Lambeth Health District. The social Work Department attached to the District with a workforce of 57, is responsible for the provision of social work services at three hospitals administered by the Health Authority: St. Thomas', South Western, and Tooting Bec Hospitals. The Department is headed by a Hospital Social Work Co-ordinator and, in addition to acting as her Deputy, the Assistant Co-ordinator will manage a small team of Social Workers specialising in mental health, based at Tooting Bec Hospital. The postholder will participate in the planning and development of mental health services in the West Lambeth Health District and there will also be opportunities to contribute to the development of Lambeth's Mental Health Services. As Deputy to the Co-ordinator the postholder will be responsible for the work of the whole Social Work Department in her absence.

Candidates must demonstrate in their application that they meet the following requirements:

- CQSW or equivalent.
- Proven success in managing a team of Social Workers.
- Personal MWO or ASW experience and social work practice in a multi-racial area.
- Sound general knowledge of Social Services legislation and practice, coupled with detailed knowledge of mental health legislation and practice.
- Ability to manage and support experienced Social Workers in a multi-disciplinary setting and develop effective working relationships with professionals of other disciplines.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure.
- A sound understanding of the Department's contribution to Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy in relation to staff recruitment and management and service development and delivery.
- An understanding of the dynamics of racism in social work theory and practice.

Individuals can apply for job sharing.

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David Frost — Otago 16, England XV 25

Davies the full-back poses Test problems

RUGBY UNION

Anything England's timely victory over Otago at Dunedin yesterday created more problems than it solved for selectors trying to decide the most effective 15 for the first of the Tests against the All Blacks on Saturday.

Was it the presence at full-back of that ebullient little man, Huw Davies, that inspired England to give their most convincing performance of the tour by far? Was it the leadership of Bob Hesford that drove England into setting a pace not far short of that which Auckland set on Saturday? Or was it simply that the England team, under the intelligent coaching of Martin Green and Brian Ashton, are almost coming right?

Davies, with his cheeky, answer outlook, played a semi-circular role in attack and counter-attack, but in defence when under pressure he gave a really crazy pass which led directly to one of Otago's two tries.

On balance, and in the hope that England will show an attacking spirit against the All Blacks, Davies should be pre-

ferred to the two "official" full-backs, Ian Metcalfe and Chris Martin. Metcalfe, playing on the left wing yesterday, had to leave the field with an ankle injury. The substitute was Simon Smith who played on the right wing with Harrison switching to the left. There can be little doubt that

Hill, so strongly built and resilient, had another effective game at scrum-half, and it must be a toss-up whether he or Metcalfe plays in the Test. England's unconvincing victory was more convincing yesterday than in any other game on the tour to date, which confirmed that Harrison is a stronger loose head prop than Preedy and that Orwin is the most powerful scrumming lock in the party.

The All Blacks have chosen two very tall men for the line-out, England therefore must be tempted to pick both Bainbridge and Dooley.

The selectors have to choose between the height of the steadily-improving Dooley and the experience of Harrison.

The choice of the three loose forwards for the first Test is not as straightforward as it may seem. There is a strong current of feeling here that Hall should be the number one, yet with Thomas on the blind-side and Cooke on the open, yet on the form shown yesterday against Otago (who were third in last season's Inter-Provincial Championship and who still view their scrumming with pride), it would be very difficult to leave out of the Test team Gary Rees and Bob Hesford.

Referee: G. Smith (Newcastle Day).

That is where Smith and Harrison will play on Saturday.

Barnes yesterday made absolutely certain of claiming the start-of-position for the first Test by making a scintillating outside break which led to a try by Harrison. Barnes finished the match off with a blind-side run which took him through three defenders for the last of England's four tries. With three penalty goals, Barnes was successful with only three of his seven place-kicks at goal, but Davies could prove a useful back-up man. Davies scored one of England's other tries, with Hall also going over.

John Rodda in Lausanne

TV likely to win breakfast battle

SPORTS POLITICS

The nation-biting business of how much money may be broadcast from American television for screening the Olympic Games at Seoul in 1988 is getting down to the quick.

If Steve Cram, Carl Lewis and Valerie Briscoe-Hooks were to leap from their Olympic village beds and win medals around breakfast time, all the furrowed brows among the leaders of the Olympic movement gathered in Lausanne would disappear; breakfast time in Seoul is prime advertising hours and gold-winning time in the States.

Just October in Canberra the International Amateur Athletics Federation firmly and resolutely rejected the idea that there should be morning sessions and that athletes should be abused for being commercial reasons; now it is almost June and the International Olympic Committee has not begun to talk with American television networks about the contract for Seoul because the athletes and the technical delegates to the Seoul Games will put together a face-saving idea which will not generate the half-billion-dollar contracts once hoped for, but which will

probably surpass the \$500 million the ABC network is paying for the Winter Games in Calgary.

The plan is to have a single athletic session each day, starting between 9.00 and 10.00 am and probably going on to 3.00 or 4.00 pm.

This test-time finish, of course, will help other sports who have evening sessions and therefore can expect to draw larger crowds. And it would also give the winners of the TV contract in the States an opportunity to build up their evening programme with some exciting preliminary contests.

In reality the weather conditions during the morning in Seoul are far more conducive to top-level athletic performance than later on in the day.

Like Dick Fosbury, the first man to do that funny high jump, the athletes who should be abused for being commercial reasons; now it is almost June and the International Olympic Committee has not begun to talk with American television networks about the contract for Seoul because the athletes and the technical delegates to the Seoul Games will put together a face-saving idea which will not generate the half-billion-dollar contracts once hoped for, but which will

Eat Rowley on England's tour squad

Gordon gets call-up

HOCKEY

Nick Gordon, the winger whose dual allegiance to the Army and Yorkshire caused a costly championship eligibility dispute last year, has been named in the 15-strong squad for the tour of Australia which runs from July 9 to August 6.

Three current England players — Paul Barber, Kulbir Bhaura and Richard Leman — are unable to get time off for the tour, and the England selectors have taken the opportunity to look at youngsters on the fringe of selection for next year's World Cup squad.

David Knott, the Loughborough student who joined Slough last winter in defence, and the two Army players, Gordon and Jennings, all the vacancies in attack.

Gordon is an exciting prospect. He can play on either wing or at centre-forward, is very quick and is also tenacious. Both he and Jennings have the gift for scoring goals.

Bob Fisher

Bateleur's clean sweep

SAILING

Chris Bonar's Bateleur completed a clean sweep of five class wins and the overall trophy in the Scottish Sailing Regatta in Loch Fyne yesterday. She also won the Scottish three-quarter ton championship.

The only threat to her dominance ended when the national authority refused an appeal to reduce the rating of Bateleur's closest rival, Scarlett O'Jara.

Although Bateleur was competing in the class with the

smallest number of entries, they were of high quality.

Conditions were ideal yesterday, with sunshine and a force 4-5 south-westerly breeze giving the 210 competitors the best racing of the series.

Nick Streeter finally won in the IOR Division 1, his 39-year-old intuition, which has been rewarded throughout the series, finishing 17 seconds ahead of Billy McKay's Dragon.

Streeter's Dragon, which was third but won the class overall. After the toughest day of the day, George Thompson's half-toner Local Hero, which had said yesterday, "In three years I would have been easing out of bed on any day."

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CYCLING

Graham Snowden with the Milk Race

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A lack of change in the overall first four places belied another day of action and drama on yesterday's second stage of the Milk Race. First over the line in Coventry at the end of a 60-mile leg from Bristol was Jim Tarrant, of Caerphilly, who avoided several crashes on a fast, tortuous run into the city centre finish.

Most significant of these was just after the one-kilometre-to-go when Phil Elliott, of the Red-Bell Welshman professional, ran out of road on a tight left-hand corner and hit the crowd barrier. Among a dozen riders piled straight into him, including his teammate, Malcolm Elliott, who in a hunched sprint, would have stood an excellent chance of taking his record of Milk Race stage wins into double figures.

Phil was leading me out so that I was well placed for the sprint, explained a dejected Elliott, who almost certainly had back all five surviving riders in the Raleigh team, came down, and, of these, Mark Walsman is out of the race with a "sprung shoulder".

The riders involved in the pile-up were trickling in up to 50 seconds later, with Elliott at 43 seconds, but because the crash occurred in the last kilometre the whole bunch was credited with the same time.

Overall, Eric Van Lancker (Fangio Belgium) still leads by five seconds from Khrupun, with Sweden's Magnus Knutsson, British amateur Peter Sanders in fourth, and Tarrant, moving up to fifth place by virtue of his stage win bonus.

Timmis escaped after only seven miles and was quickly followed by Jan Forsgren, a Swedish lead of 50 seconds at Terbury, which made Timmis the effective race leader on the road, but with the Welshman's lead of 50 seconds, the work the field was back together by 35 miles. Roul Fablin (Sweden) broke clear after 50 miles, but despite a 10-second lead at one point, he and Paul Watson of Britain were also reeled in with 12 miles to go.

Hinaut second.

Stefano Allocchio outstripped the pack at the finish line in Salerno to win the 240-kilometre 11th stage of the Italian cycling tour, finishing 11 minutes ahead of the half-way stage. Italy's Roberto Venturini was still overall leader, with a 25-second advantage over Bernard Hinault.

Phil Anderson of Australia won yesterday's second stage of the Critérium du Dauphiné race, with France's Joël Peller keeping the overall leadership won in the morning's first stage. Anderson won the second stage over 91 kilometres from Aix-les-Bains to Ambérieu in a sprint finish, having attacked 10 kilometres from the finish.

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RING: Welsh Player of the Year

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11 **News: You the Jury. Debate on The European Convention on Human Rights should be incorporated into UK law.**

12 9 Civil Service, legalese, etc.
12 27 News: You and Yours.
1 0 The Meisterspinger. Thriller by
1 40 Berkely Mather (last part).
2 8 The World at One: News.
2 8 The Archers.
3 6 News: Woman's Hour with guest
3 6 Dame Peggy Ashcroft.
3 6 News: Adeline's Play: A Change
of Frequency. Comedy by David
Reid set at an East European
radio festival.
3 47 Time for Verse: Poems on a
watery theme. Compiled (appropri-
ately) by Lawrence Sall.

- 4 0 News; File on 4: Disaster and compensation — after the trauma the delay.
- 4 40 Story Time: Dead Man Leading by V. S. Pritchett (81)
- 5 0 PM. News magazine.
- 6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
- 6 30 After Henry. Comedy series.
- 7 0 News; The Archers.
- 7 20 Checkpoint. Last foot-in-the-door investigation by Roger Cook.
- 7 45 Groundswell. Environment.

8 15 In Business. Commercial news.
8 45 Analysis: Transport and General
Disarray in the TGWU.
9 30 The Coracle and the Lysander.
Memories of a Hebridean
boyhood.
9 45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: Weights and
Measures by Joseph Roth (3).
11 30 The World Tonight.
11 35 The Financial World Tonight.
11 45 The Financial World Tonight: the

11 00 True Making of a
brilliant journalist who became a
household name in housewifery.
12 00 News; weather; interval.
12 30 Shipping Forecast.
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1 0 Study on 4. 11 30-12 0 Open Univer-
sity.
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Delon Roberts. 7 35 AM. 10 30 M4
10 30 10 50 am M4
For Lunch. 1 40 Catchphrase. 1 45 The
Russell Grant Show. 2 30 Get Gardening.
4 45 Five. 5 45 6 00 am M4
Catchphrase. 7 25 A4 Radio 4. 9 45
Intermezzo. 10 0-4 0 am A4 Radio 3.

Cyara (VNF): 5:55 am Weather; Gweler
Radio 4: 6:25 Solo Sobol; 5:30 Ar. Gol
Chudov: 6:25 2 Galv; 5:30 Ar. Gol
Mastur: 1:50 Ar. Glant; 1:45 Ar. Gol
Tafodud: 7:15 2 Pwll; 7:15 Pwll
Gweler Radio: 6:25 2 Galv; 5:30 Ar. Gol
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Hrd y Nos: 11:30 Open University; 12:05
Class Gweler Radio 4

Scotland (379m): 6:00 am As Radio 4;
6:30 Good Morning Scotland; 6:45 Jim
McGowan's Saturday Gathering; 12:25 am
Saturday's Own; 12:30 Lunneth
Report News; 1:00 As Radio 4; 1:40 Lunneth

Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0
Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News: Farm-
ing News. 6 30 The Borneo Connection.
7 2 Along the Highland Edge. 7 30 The
Light Programme. 8 30 The Carall
Collection. 10 0 News: Tom Fennie. 12 0

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